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Sermon Series: Being Heavenly Happy
Sermon #2 Title: The Happenings of Happiness
Sermon #2 Text: (Matthew 5:1-12)

We are studying what the Lord Jesus reveals to us about true Heavenly designed Happiness.

- If I were to ask you, what makes you happy? I'd get a different answer from nearly everyone in the room. - Everyone has different ideas, different taste buds, different preferences, different comforts, that often serve as the framework for what makes each individual happy.

Sometimes people say - I prefer to live in the city - that would make me happy - Others might say, - I prefer to live in the country - that will make me happy
- Those are matters of individual tastes and desires . . .

But when we read Jesus more like we're listening to Him, than just rolling through the words, we don't have to ask the question what makes you happy . . . it's not a question . . . He is going to tell us, what actual happiness is.

True Biblical happiness has nothing to do with what you prefer, what you like, what you want. As a matter of fact, what you're going to find out as we study this - is that Real Bona Fide Happiness, has absolutely NOTHING to do with any kind of individual or personal taste, and is actually the SAME for every single one.

*Note - There are two sides to the Lord's discourse on His declaration, "Blessed Are." One side is of His discourse are what triggers those blessings; and the other side of His discourse is what those "Blessings Are!"

- In other words when He doesn't just say "Blessed are the poor in Spirit" He tells us "What those Blessings Are."

- It is that side of the ledger today that we want to examine as we study these beatitudes and understand something that I think is very profound - and that's this . . . "The Blessings" side of the ledger is the Lord's revelation, declaration, and explanation of exactly what it is that actually does make a human heart happy.

- In other words the Lord reveals in this discourse the answers to every man or woman that wants to know, "what will it take to make me happy?"

- Actual Happiness that Every Human Heart can experience.

- this has nothing to do with personal preferences, personal tastes.

*Note - In the coming weeks we are going to look at these one or two at a time, but this morning, we're going to see from the scripture the 8 things will flood the human heart with divine happiness.

Biblically speaking these are the things that Lord Jesus says, will satisfy, gratify, and pacify the human heart with happiness.

#1 - The Place of Happiness - The Kingdom of Heaven
Verse 3 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Verse 10 – “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Note – Twice in this message Jesus declares that the thing that will ignite happiness in a heart is the place of the kingdom of heaven. – Being in the Kingdom of Heaven causes happiness in the heart.*

1.) “kingdom” – Basileia where we get our word “basilica” from and it means a realm or domain of rule and authority.

2.) of Heaven – it is the rule and reign of the Lord Jesus.

**Note – Now note this – whether men like it or not, know it or not, or feel it or not, God has built deep into the human psyche and heart the need to be governed from without on top of the self-governing that is to go on within.*

- It is this built in need that man resists against, rebels against and refuses to yield to.

- Write this verse down – when all things are as they should be in the heart of a man or woman – they love to be rightly ruled.

Psalms 119:54 – “Thy Statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.”

- David had turned the law book into a hymnal
As Vance Havner said – “He turned the mandates into music”
- He celebrated being governed by God.

Proverbs 29:2 – “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

- This is one of the fundamental promises of the Old Testament that good news is that Christ is coming rule and reign and when He does – there will be Happiness in the Hearts of His servants!

Isaiah 32:1-2 – “Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And

a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.”

Revelation 11:15-17 – Note the scene in heaven when the Lord Jesus installs His kingdom over all the world.
– “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

- What are they doing they are Celebrating being RULED by Jesus.

**Note – When Jesus says, “Happy Are” – the Happiness He is speaking of is the Happiness of being Ruled by Him!*

#2 – The Peace of Happiness - Comfort

- vs 4 – “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”

**Note – Here Jesus when Jesus said, “Happy are” He said the Happiness is in being “Comforted.”*

- Now you ought to love this word.

- It is the word “Parakaleo” and it means to call near to one’s side, with the idea of consolation.

- Have you ever seen a child get their feelings hurt, I mean not in a petty way, or in a put-on way – but they actually get their heart hurt? – What does the mother or father do? – “Come here honey” – and you just pull them up close and let them find refuge and comfort in your arms.

- That’s this word. That’s this picture!

*Note – Now what Jesus is proclaiming is that “Being Consolated from without” is a trigger of Happiness!

- Now note something – this is not a “comfort, or peace from within” this is a comfort or a peace that comes from without!

- In other words this comfort that comes from someone else!

*Note – Now that being said the principle is simple – Consolation, being Consolated, bringing to Peace, is something God has designed to bring happiness into a heart!

#3 – The Possession of Happiness - Inheriting the Earth

Vs 5 – “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth”

*Note – Same song third verse – The Happiness that Jesus speaks of here when He says Happy are, is the Happiness of possessing an inheritance of the earth.

- the word here for earth means – “soil”

- some of your translations may say, “inherit the land.”

(immediately for the Jews, it would have been a promised fulfillment of all the land of Israel.)

- In a broader and more “principled” sense, it is when the people of God will receive their God given possession during the 1000 years reign on earth.

*Note – The Bible says that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.”

- The Lord said here the “Earth will be yours” as an inheritance. Not as a price you purchased, not as taxed by a government, but as handed to you by the Lord.

- Not only is there happiness having a place in the kingdom, there is happiness in having a possessed place on the earth.

- This is a common promise in the Old Testament

- “inheriting the earth” “inheriting the land” is a permanent promise to the people of God.

The fact that it’s given is testimony to the fact that properly yielded will ignite a state of happiness in the heart.

*Note – Now what is Jesus saying – He is saying the heart that inherits the earth will respond with happiness!

#4 – The Pleasure of Happiness -Being filled with Righteousness

Vs 6 – “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

*Note – There will be great pleasure in the heart that the Lord fills with “righteousness.”

- write this down – Psalm 34:21 – “they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.” – Jesus said they that hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.

*Note – In other words the God has designed your heart and mine in such a way that “hating righteousness” produces bitterness, “being filled with righteousness” produces “happiness, or blessing.”

- Righteousness filling the heart, is thrilling to the heart...

*Note – Some people rage on in rebellion with eagerness and excitement, not realizing that they are running the direct opposite direction from what will actually satisfy their soul.

#5 – The Pardon of Happiness - Obtaining Mercy

Vs 7 – “Blessed are the Merciful: for they shall obtain mercy”

*Note – You’ve got the idea by now... When one rightly receives mercy, that heart will be saturated with being “happy.”

- You will be happy having received mercy!

*Note – Now when we come back to this later, we'll say this again. – but some people have the idea "they don't need mercy." – I can say with all authority that without mercy – You won't like what happens. Your heart will not be satisfied, gratified, and pacified.

- To understand what it means to receive mercy will cause happiness to be the paint on the walls of your heart, and gladness the furniture in your mind.

#6 – The Pinnacle of Happiness - Seeing God

Vs 8 – "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

- The very zenith of blessing, and the ultimate trigger for all the happiness an omniscient God could imagine and an omnipotent God can produce will be the state of "seeing God."

- Seeing God is the pinnacle for mortal men.

- God told us in Exodus 33:20 – "...there shall no man see me and live."

- His Holiness and Righteousness is a death sentence to sinful man.

- We cannot see Him, yet we are called to Seek Him, and the Culmination of our human experience will be to see God, and when we do, we'll find that happiness is really an unworthy word to describe what will happen in our heart.

What did Job say? – "after these skin worms destroy my body, yet in my flesh, I shall see God." – Job 19:26

What did John say? 1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

- The Atheist and Agnostic bark and ridicule – "we can't see God" – of course not, Jesus said, it is the PURE IN HEART that shall see God.

Friend the Lord Jesus knows what will make your heart leap, and the pinnacle of that happiness will be to see God.

- Is there anything better, anything greater, or anything happier than getting to see God?
- the answer is YES – being called a child of God.

#7 – The Privilege of Happiness - Being Called the Children of God

- vs 9 – "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

*Note – Right now, the world has the false idea that "all people are God's children." – "Aren't we all God's children?" – Absolutely not.

- Jesus called some the "children of the devil".
- Only twice born people are actual children of God.

*Note – The greatest of all privileges and one of the heights of all happiness will be for God to call us child.

- Now note – this is not our "profession of faith" it is His confession of family!

- This privilege is not a matter of what we say about Him, but rather what He says about us!

- You can call Him Father, All day, and it doesn't mean a thing until He calls you Child.

- Being in the Family of God is the highest blessing, and greatest source of happiness a human being can have on earth.

#8 – The Prize of Happiness - Having Great Reward in Heaven

Vs 11-12 – "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you

falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven.”

*Note – Your heart will be happy, when you suffer for the sake of the Lord.

- there is reward for those suffer for Jesus, and it will fill your heart and thrill your soul.
- Pay attention to what He says – “Be glad now” – “You shall have a reward then.” – And it is this, that will make your heart happy.

These are the things that Constitute and Convey to the soul Heavenly Happiness!

- These thing are your divinely designed taste buds of the heart. – It is these things that our Lord says will count as Makarios – as blessing – as a state of happiness to you.

Conclusion: There is one thing to note as we close; and that is the verb tenses of the message. – This isn’t an English lesson, or a Greek lesson, but it is necessary for you to take note of.

- Verse 3 – Jesus said, “Blessed is the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

*Note – I may be from Arkansas, but I know what the definition of Is, Is, it means is.

- but the rest of them are “shall be’s”
 - “they shall be comforted”
 - “they shall inherit the earth”
 - “they shall be filled” – etc.

Why? – Because without the first one, there are no others.

- Unless someone IS, in the Kingdom of Heaven, there are no “happinesses” that shall be.

(One gets in by forfeiting the rest of your life to the Lord Jesus by faith that repents. – Trusting the Lord who saves, with a trust that surrenders your independence and obeys His will is the entrance to the kingdom.)