

Victor Davis Hanson: 2026 Could Reshape the Global Order

Many people say they are Christians, but their lives do not reflect what the Bible teaches. Pastor Jack Hibbs addressed that disconnect head-on in his sermon, "It Is Time To Rethink Your Christianity," calling believers to examine their salvation, their homes and their daily lives in light of eternity and the urgency of the moment.

Are You Ready to Meet Christ?

Hibbs centered the message on readiness, pressing the issue with clarity.

"Are we ready?" he said. "What does it mean and what does it look like to be ready as a believer to actually be so prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ that frankly it doesn't matter how that comes about."

He rejected uncertainty about salvation.

"The Bible says that these things have been written that you might know that you have eternal life," Hibbs said. "If you are guessing about going to heaven, I want you to know that you are not a person of true faith."

True faith produces assurance and a desire to be with Christ.

"We're not perfect, but we know this, that if we had a choice right now to go to heaven and be with Him, we would take it."

A World in Chaos, A God in Control

Global conflict is intensifying, but Hibbs pointed to God's authority over it all.

"I want you to know something right now. They're not coming undone. Things are coming or falling right into place. The God of Scripture sets up nations. He removes nations."

These moments demand reflection, not fear.

"In these amazing moments of time that you and I live in, these days should result in profound retrospect for our lives."



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The Real Crisis Is in the Home

The root issue is not political. It is personal and it begins in the home.

"What is wrong with America? It's the home. It's not the politics."

Hibbs confronted men directly, calling out empty claims of faith.

"Men need to stop saying that they're Christians unless they're a Christian," he said. "The world is full of a false witness of a magnitude of hypocrisy."

Faith is revealed in daily life, not weekly attendance.

"You can identify with Jesus on Sunday for an hour, but the truth is our actions identify with the reality of who we are all those other hours of the week."

Repentance, Purity and Real Christianity

Sin cannot be managed or hidden. It must be confronted and abandoned.

“If you are a pornographer and you call yourself a Christian, you are not going to heaven,” he said. “Repent of it. Get out of it.”

Biblical leadership in the home is defined by sacrifice, not control.

“Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,” Hibbs said. “You’re the servant. You’re the one that is to give yourself for the welfare of your wife and family.”

Christianity is not a label. It is a life marked by repentance, obedience and truth.

This message leaves no room for casual faith. We have to look at our lives without excuses and without delay. What we are at home is who we really are. If anything does not line up with God’s Word, we change it now. We take responsibility, we turn from sin and we pursue a faith that is real in every part of our lives.

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International Day of Happiness 2026: What the UN Isn't Telling You About True Joy

March 20 marks the International Day of Happiness, a global observance established by the United Nations to highlight the importance of well-being and life satisfaction. On the surface, it is hard to argue with the idea. Who does not want a world where people are genuinely fulfilled, at peace and thriving?

The United Nations has pushed this initiative since 2012, encouraging nations to look beyond economic growth and consider factors like emotional health, social support and quality of life. Each year, the conversation is reinforced through the World Happiness Report, which ranks countries based on data tied to income, life expectancy, freedom and social trust.

There is something appealing about that message. It sounds thoughtful. It sounds balanced. It even sounds necessary in a world that often measures success purely in dollars.

But it is also worth slowing down and asking a deeper question. What kind of happiness is actually being promoted?

A Good Idea With a Missing Piece

There is nothing wrong with encouraging people to pursue a better quality of life. Strong communities matter. Mental

health matters. Stability matters.

The concern is not the idea of happiness itself. The concern is who is defining it and what is being left out.

The United Nations frames happiness as something that can be built through systems, policies and social conditions. It presents a vision where fulfillment can be achieved through the right combination of external factors. Yet in all of this, one glaring omission remains. Faith is nowhere in the equation.

That absence stands out.

For an initiative that claims to measure and promote human flourishing, it leaves out the very foundation that has defined meaning and purpose for billions of people throughout history. It raises a fair question. Is this simply an effort to improve lives, or is it subtly reshaping how people understand fulfillment itself?

That does not mean the day should be rejected outright. It does mean it should be approached with discernment.



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Happiness Fades. Joy Remains

Scripture draws a line that modern culture often blurs.

Happiness is tied to circumstances. It rises when things go well and fades when they do not. Joy is something entirely different.

James 1:2-3 calls believers to “count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith develops patience.” That kind of joy does not depend on comfort. It exists even in pressure.

Galatians 5:22 identifies joy as a fruit of the Spirit. It is not manufactured by environment or policy. It is produced by a relationship with God.

Psalm 16:11 makes it even clearer. "In Your presence is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

This is where the global conversation falls short. It tries to define happiness without addressing the condition of the soul.

The Source That Cannot Be Replaced

There is a reason why people can have wealth, comfort and stability and still feel empty. External conditions were never designed to carry the weight of eternal fulfillment.

Jesus said in John 15:11, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." That is not a temporary emotional high. That is lasting, rooted joy.

So as March 20 comes and conversations about happiness take center stage, there is nothing wrong with appreciating the good behind it. Encouraging people to care about well-being is not the problem.

The deeper issue is making sure the foundation is not lost.

Because when faith is removed, happiness becomes fragile. When God is at the center, joy becomes unshakable.

And that is the difference that changes everything.

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Is Tucker Carlson Deceiving Christians? Pastor Says Bible Warns of This Deception

This is not a new problem rising in modern Christianity. It has been present for generations, and Scripture itself proves it. What is happening today is not the birth of the cult of personality in the church, but the amplification of a long-standing spiritual issue.

Apostle John Eckhardt defines it plainly: "A 'cult of personality'... is defined as exaggerated devotion to a charismatic political, religious or other leader." That definition exposes a pattern that has repeated itself throughout church history.

When Honoring Leaders Turns Into Idolizing Pastors

There is a clear biblical line between honoring leaders and idolizing them. That line is being crossed in many personality driven churches.

Eckhardt explains, "Nothing wrong with following an anointed man or woman of God... as long as it does not become obsessive or fanatical to the extent that you can't listen to anyone

else.”

This is where the danger begins. What starts as respect becomes restriction. What begins as loyalty becomes control.

The warning signs are unmistakable:

- Believers reject other ministries
- Churches isolate themselves from the broader body of Christ
- Leaders become the primary voice instead of Christ
- Followers cannot receive truth from outside their circle

Eckhardt issues a direct correction: “If you cannot fellowship with others because they don’t follow your leader... then we have a problem.”

This is not biblical leadership. This is spiritual imbalance.

Division in the Body of Christ Is the Fruit

The most visible result of the cult of personality is division in the body of Christ. This is not accidental. It is the natural outcome.

Eckhardt points back to the early church: “For as one saith, ‘I am of Paul,’ and another, ‘I am of Apollos,’ are you not carnal?”

This proves the issue has always existed. Believers aligning themselves with personalities instead of Christ creates factions, arguments and spiritual immaturity.

He states it clearly: “This is not the will of God. It grieves the Spirit of God.”

This is the root of much of the strife seen across churches

today. It is not doctrine alone. It is devotion to personalities.



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How Modern Culture Is Amplifying an Old Problem

While this issue is not new, today's environment has made it far more visible and far more influential.

Eckhardt explains, "In the age of media and marketing, it's easier for leaders to really develop what we would call a cult of personality."

Social media, online platforms and global reach have intensified what was once localized. Now personality driven Christianity spreads rapidly, shaping large audiences and reinforcing loyalty to individuals.

This has created a culture where influence can overshadow truth.

Biblical Leadership vs Controlling Church Leaders

True leadership in the church never isolates believers or limits their ability to receive from others.

Eckhardt makes this clear: "We're never there to control you and never there to separate you from the wider body of Christ."

This statement draws a sharp distinction between biblical leadership and controlling church leaders.

He gives a strong warning to leaders: “Never develop a cult around your gift, your calling, your personality... It is ungodly, and God will judge you if you do it.”

This is a direct rebuke to any system that builds dependence on a personality instead of maturity in Christ.

When It Crosses Into Spiritual Danger

This issue does not remain neutral. It progresses.

Eckhardt warns, “It is fleshly and leads into witchcraft and control and domination... That’s when it becomes very dangerous.”

At this stage, what began as admiration becomes manipulation. What began as leadership becomes control. What began as influence becomes bondage.

This is where spiritual abuse in the church begins to take root and operate.

A Call Back to Unity in the Body of Christ

The answer is not to reject leaders. The answer is to put them in their proper place.

Eckhardt reminds believers of the bigger picture: “All of us came through Christ through different ministers... and yet, you’re part of a larger body called the church that God wants us to operate together in love and unity.”

The church is not built on personalities. It is built on Christ.

Unity is the standard. Maturity is the goal. Christ is the

center.

Anything else leads to division, control and a dangerous distortion of the faith.

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Revelation 20 Explained: Satan's Final Deception After Christ's 1,000-Year Reign

The world is moving fast, and the signs are no longer subtle. When Iranian missile fragments landed on the Temple Mount, it was not just another headline. It was a moment that should have stopped people in their tracks.

This is not random. It is not coincidence. It is exactly what Scripture has been pointing toward all along.

The words of Jesus, Paul and John are not distant ideas buried in ancient text. They are playing out in real time. Hearts are hardening. Truth is being rejected. And Israel stands once again at the center of everything, just as the Bible said it would.

The Temple Mount Is Ground Zero for Prophecy

The Temple Mount is the most significant piece of land on Earth. It carries spiritual weight that the world cannot ignore, even if it tries. Yet it remains under Islamic control while global attention continues to fixate on it.

Now look at what is happening. Missile fragments fall on that very ground. At the same time, tens of thousands of Jewish worshipers are ascending the mount in record numbers. That is not coincidence. That is alignment with prophecy.

There is a growing urgency among the Jewish people to return to worship there. The preparations for a future temple are already complete. Every vessel, every garment, every detail is ready. Only one requirement remains, a red heifer for purification.

That alone shows how close this moment is.

At the same time, narratives are being shaped to distort what is unfolding. Israel is being positioned as the villain before events even happen. That is intentional. It prepares the world to reject truth and embrace deception.



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The Third Temple Is Not a Contradiction

There is confusion being pushed about the idea of a third temple. Some claim it contradicts Christianity. That claim falls apart under Scripture.

Jesus is the only way to salvation. That is settled. But prophecy does not cancel itself. It unfolds step by step.

Daniel describes a covenant and the stopping of sacrifices.

That requires a functioning temple. Revelation speaks of measuring it. This is not symbolic language. It is literal.

The rebuilding of the temple is not anti-Christian. It is part of the prophetic timeline. It sets the stage for the Antichrist to rise and deceive many.

Israel remains in covenant with God. That covenant cannot be broken. And that is why Israel remains the focal point of global pressure.

The World Is Aligning Against Israel

Global attitudes are shifting. Opposition toward Israel is growing stronger and more unified. Zechariah made it clear that the nations would gather against Jerusalem. That reality is taking shape right now.

Inside Israel, expectations are rising. Talk of the Messiah is increasing, not just among religious leaders but within broader society and leadership. That should not be ignored.

This is how prophecy unfolds. Not all at once, but piece by piece.

A temporary peace will come. Then sudden betrayal. Then the abomination of desolation. Then a period of tribulation unlike anything seen before.

And then Jesus Christ returns.

This Is Fulfillment, Not Chaos

This is not about fear. It is about recognizing what is happening.

God is not reacting to world events. He is carrying out a plan that has been written from the beginning.

Everything points to fulfillment.

The only question is whether people will see it for what it is.

Stay rooted in Scripture. Reject deception. Keep your focus on the truth.

Because this is bigger than headlines.

It is about eternity.

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World Happiness Report 2026: The 'Happiest Countries' List Everyone Is Talking About

The 2026 World Happiness Report is making headlines again, and the same nations continue to dominate the top spots. The rankings claim to identify where people are living the most fulfilled lives.

Here is the list drawing global attention.

Top 10 Happiest Countries in the World

(2026)

1. Finland
2. Iceland
3. Denmark
4. Costa Rica
5. Sweden
6. Norway
7. Netherlands
8. Israel
9. Luxembourg
10. Switzerland

Northern Europe once again controls the rankings. Finland holds the No. 1 position for the ninth straight year. These countries share similar models, strong centralized systems, expansive social programs and high levels of coordination across society.

Costa Rica stands out as the only Latin American country near the top. Israel ranks eighth despite ongoing regional conflict.

The United States comes in at No. 23, with Canada at No. 25 and the United Kingdom at No. 29.

Then the bigger question emerges.

How They Measure “Happiness”

The report bases its rankings on survey responses from people in 147 countries using the Cantril Ladder, where individuals rate their lives from 0 to 10.

It then analyzes six specific factors:

- GDP per capita

- Life expectancy
- Social support
- Freedom to make life choices
- Generosity
- Perceptions of corruption

These metrics are averaged over a three-year period to produce the final rankings.

This framework defines what the report calls happiness.



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Who Is Behind the Rankings

The report is produced by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford in partnership with Gallup and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

That partnership defines the outcome.

The United Nations plays a direct role in shaping the framework, promoting a vision of society built on centralized control, global policy alignment and economic restructuring. The system rewards nations that follow that model.

This is not a neutral list. It reinforces a specific worldview.

A Pattern That Keeps Repeating

The same types of countries rise to the top year after year. Nations that align with global governance priorities dominate the rankings, while countries built on independence and national sovereignty fall behind.

The criteria may include income, health and social trust, but the underlying definition of success reflects the priorities

of global institutions.

Control the definition of happiness and the results follow.

Where Is Faith in All of This

One question rises above the data and the rankings.

Where is God in any of this?

The report defines happiness through the Cantril Ladder and six measurable factors: GDP per capita, life expectancy, social support, freedom to make life choices, generosity and perceptions of corruption. It builds an entire global ranking on material conditions, social systems and personal perception.

It leaves out faith entirely.

That omission stands in direct contrast to a large body of research showing that people with active religious faith consistently report higher life satisfaction, stronger resilience and deeper meaning. Faith communities provide connection, purpose and stability that extend far beyond economic or political conditions.

Scripture makes the foundation even clearer. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12). "In Your presence is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:11).

True fulfillment is not produced by systems or governments. It flows from relationship with God.

Yet this UN-backed report removes that variable completely and presents a definition of happiness built only on human structures.

That raises a serious question.

If faith consistently strengthens wellbeing, why is it

excluded from a report claiming to measure it?

The absence is not accidental. It reveals the framework behind the rankings and the worldview shaping them.

Read the List With Discernment

The rankings will continue to circulate and influence public perception. But this is more than a list of satisfied populations.

It is a reflection of the ideology behind the institutions producing it.

The world is being told what happiness looks like.

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