

Happy New Year

Psalm 146:1-10 We are fast approaching the new year, and soon we will hear the age-old phrase, "Happy New Year!" Everyone wants a happy New Year. The Greek word for happy also means "blessed." In fact, the Beatitudes in some modern translations say, "Happy is the man who-.-.-.-" instead of "Blessed is the man who-.-.-.-" Let's think a moment about the word Beatitudes. When we break this word down, we see it means the attitude of our being. This psalm states the attitude we should have daily as we live on earth. Listen to the words of David: "While I live I will praise the Lord, I will sing praises to my God while I have my being" (v. 2).

If we want to have a "Happy New Year," then our attitude daily needs to be one of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. David continues revealing the secrets to experiencing a happy new year when he says, "Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God" (v. 5).

The way to have a happy new year is to trust the Lord to help us when we have a need and to place our hope not in circumstances in this world, but in the Lord.

Do you want to have a happy (blessed) new year? There are things you can do in this next year that will insure you will experience a blessed, happy new year. Here are three simple things you can do:

1. Praise the Lord daily and sing praises to Him.
2. Trust in Him to help you instead of putting your trust in man or yourself.
3. Hope in the Lord instead of hoping in circumstances or this world's system.

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!

Lord, help me to do these three things in this next year. They are not vain resolutions. They are things I can do each day with Your strength and grace, and I know when I do them faithfully, each day of this new year will be blessed.

**READ: Zechariah 10:1-11:17; Revelation 18:1-24; Psalm
146:1-10; Proverbs 30:33**