

Holy Satisfaction: Find It in God Alone

“You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever” (Ps. 16:11, NASB).

Beloved, all the good things we experience in life, and every pleasure we have, comes from God. The satisfaction we can get from eating, the feeling we get from hugging our children—we have to recognize that beyond those pleasures is the God of pleasure.

And even more, there is a supernatural pleasure beyond the natural.

We need to begin to look to Father God and seek to find divine satisfaction in Him alone. We must realize that everything we see in the natural creation just portrays an image of God; it reveals only part of Father. All that we can see with our eyes is passing away. These things are just shadows of God; they are not the fullness, and they are not the substance. Father God is the substance.

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority” (Col. 2:9-10).

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Beloved, I am striving to get to the place in my life where I have divine satisfaction. I want to come to a place where I am satisfied with God alone. I believe this takes fasting from the things of the world. It requires some self-restraint and self-discipline. We no longer can be continually searching for our answer in the things God has made, which will never

completely satisfy us. We need to search for meaning in the one who has made them.

The application and the challenge for you and me today is this: We must take time every day to spend alone with God. Our satisfaction is not in what He created. There is only limited pleasure and temporary fulfillment there. True satisfaction can only come from the one who made those things and created us in His image in order that we might know Him.

Consider the tragedy of famous people who take their own lives. I recently heard about an individual who committed suicide. It would seem he had everything going for him: fame, wealth, all that people living for themselves pursue, and yet he took his own life. He had attained it all in the eyes of the world. He achieved everything he thought would please him, and yet when he had obtained all those things, his soul was still empty, and he did not know what else to do. Because he did not know God, life, for him, was hopeless. He thought there was nothing left, and so he killed himself.

This is what can happen to people who attain everything the world has to offer but do not know Him. They realize something is missing and because they do not know their Creator, they become hopeless.

This is what Solomon was teaching us in the book of Ecclesiastes. After he had pursued everything he thought would satisfy him—wealth, women, knowledge—and got to the end of it all, he said: “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity” (Eccl. 1:2, NKJV).

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And then he said the answer is this: “Walk with God.”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the

Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves" (John 6:53, NASB).

There will always be ups and downs on this earth, but know that every single trial you walk through committed to God, steadfast in God and keeping your eyes on Him is only building up your spiritual inheritance and making you stronger in Him. And hear this word: "When you get strong, you will become happy."

I want to challenge you to go after Jesus, seize His Word and spend time alone with Him every day. Keep seeking, keep knocking, keep praying and keep talking to Him. Keep telling Him that you love Him. Keep being thankful to Him, and He is going to bless you in a way you have never even imagined.

Declare out loud: "Father, I pray that You will help me to keep pursuing You until I find everything I need, everything that satisfies and everything that makes me complete—in You alone."

"Bless the Lord, my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name" (Ps. 103:1).

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