

The Disciple's Happiness

(Matthew 5:1-12)

- Introduction:
1. While there are no doubt sermons that Jesus preached which are every bit as great as this sermon, they are not recorded for us.
 2. Matthew 5-7, however records for us the longest, and perhaps the greatest sermon our Lord left us to consider.
 3. Throughout the next five weeks, we will be examining some of the truths he proclaimed.

I. Everyone Wants Happiness

- A. While it's true that everyone seems to be seeking happiness, *empty*, *loneliness*, and *meaningless* are words that often describe a person's life.
- B. Although many people seem to be obsessed with the quest for happiness, few things seem to be so elusive.
- C. However, happiness is more of a serendipity than something that can be sought and found.

II. Happiness Is Discovered In The Pursuit Of Godliness

- A. Rather than finding happiness by pursuing it, happiness is a by-product of pursuing godliness.
- B. (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
- C. I asked for Strength and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for Wisdom and God gave me Problems to solve.
I asked for Prosperity and God gave me a Brain and Brawn to work.
I asked for Courage and God gave me Danger to overcome.
I asked for Love and God gave me Troubled people to help.
I asked for Favors and God gave me Opportunities.
I received nothing I wanted. I received everything I needed.

III. God's Promise Of Happiness

- A. Happy are the poor in Spirit (5:3).
- B. Happy are those who mourn (5:4).
- C. Happy are those who are meek (5:5).
- D. Happy are those who hunger and thirst (5:6).
- E. Happy are those who are merciful (5:7).
- F. Happy are those who are pure in heart (5:8).
- G. Happy are those who are peacemakers (5:9).
- H. Happy are those who are persecuted (5:10).

- Conclusion:
1. (Psalm 34:8).
 2. God is faithful and will do what he promised (1 Thess. 5:24).