

God's Plan for Man's Happiness



Ps 144:15 Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Genesis 1

²⁶ Then God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, **over all the earth** and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."



²⁹ And God said, "**See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.**"

³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good



Genesis 2:8-9

⁸ The **LORD God planted a garden** eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground the **LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.**



Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

1 Peter 3:7 (ASV)

⁷ Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with *your wives* according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, **as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life**; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

Psalms 127:3-5

³ Behold, **children are a heritage from the LORD**,
The fruit of the womb *is a reward*.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth.

⁵ **Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them**; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.



1 Tim 6:17 ...God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy

Acts 14:17 (God) gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

12 I know that **nothing is better for them than to rejoice**, and to do good in their lives,

13 and also that **every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it is the gift of God.**



Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰ I will **greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,** As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

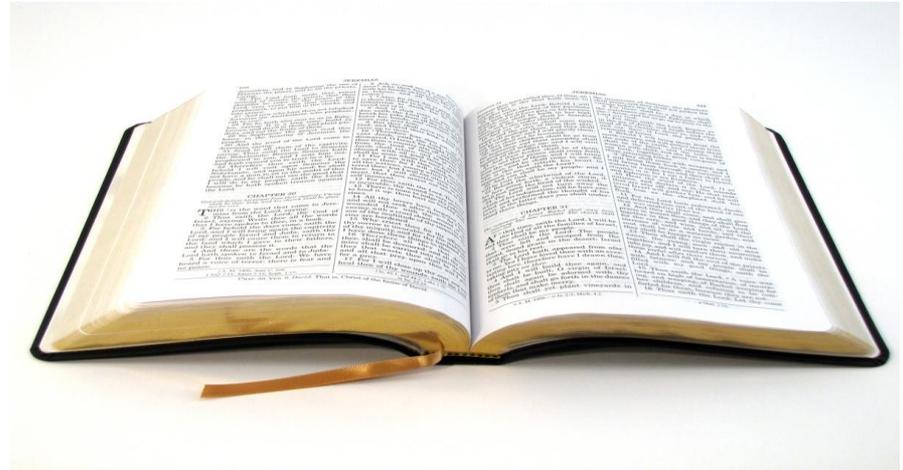
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So **the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.**

Psalms 71:23

²³ My lips shall **greatly rejoice when I sing to You,** And my soul, which You have redeemed.

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,** singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



Righteousness



Psalm 119:162

¹⁶² **I rejoice at Your word** As one who finds great treasure.

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is...**righteousness and peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 64:10

¹⁰ The **righteous shall be glad in the LORD**, and trust in Him. And all the **upright in heart shall glory**.

Psalm 133:1

¹ Behold, how good and **how pleasant *it is*** For brethren to dwell together in unity!

Proverbs 23:24-25

²⁴ The **father of the righteous will greatly rejoice**, And he **who begets a wise *child*** will delight in him.

²⁵ Let your father and your mother be glad, And **let her who bore you rejoice**.

Happiness of Others

Luke 15:4-7 (NKJV)

⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

⁵ And **when he has found *it***, he lays *it* on his shoulders, **rejoicing**.

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, '**Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!**'

⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more **joy in heaven over one sinner who repents** than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Acts 2:44-46

⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, **they ate their food with gladness** and simplicity of heart,



Persecution

Acts 5:40-41

⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when **they had called for the apostles and beaten *them***, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy** to suffer shame for His name.

1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶ In this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷ that the **genuineness of your faith, *being*** much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, **may be found to praise, honor, and glory** at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**,

⁹ receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of *your* souls.



Salvation and Eternal Life

Acts 8:38-39 (NKJV)

³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch **went down into the water, and he baptized him.**

³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and **he went on his way rejoicing.**

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again to a living hope through** the resurrection of **Jesus Christ** from the dead,

⁴ to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**

⁵ who are kept by the power of God **through faith for salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.



Psalm 118:24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it

