

# God's Will for Our Happiness

## III JOHN 4

Is God happy?

Does He really want us happy?

Has God provided happiness?

Some definitions:

Synonyms: pleasure, contentment, satisfaction, cheerfulness, joy, joyfulness, delight.

Did God intend for Adam and Eve to be happy?

**Gen. 2:9** *"And out of the ground the Lord caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."*

**Proverbs 3:18** *"Wisdom is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast."*

**Proverbs 15:4** *"A healing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit."*

Happiness is a relationship – a relationship with God and a relationship which God has provided.

- I. In the first three categories of trees in the Garden, God revealed His plan for mankind – IT WAS HAPPINESS! B U T this happiness demanded PERFECT ENVIRONMENT, a soul designed for HAPPINESS, and its perpetuation through the TREE OF LIFE.
- II. God provided the perfect soul, the perfect body, and the perfect environment for the happiness of mankind.
- III. Note now what happened. When Adam sinned, it was not a sin of morality, but a sin of rejection of God's Plan and rejection of the God who had invented HAPPINESS FOR ALL OF US. IT WAS A REJECTION OF GOD HIMSELF!!!!!! Since happiness was and is related to the soul – happiness is a matter of DECISION. (BELIEVER'S DECISIONS – 8 points)
- IV. Adam in the fall lost the divine provision of perfect happiness.
- V. After salvation, we can recover happiness but it is all related to a Divine Intervention. Peter describes this in **2 Peter 1:3-4** (read).

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- VI. As indicated by the first category of trees in the Garden, happiness is first of all, – the condition of the soul, and if there is NO happiness in the soul, a person can have everything associated with happiness and BE EXTREMELY MISERABLE.
- VII. In the second category of trees, happiness is expressed from the soul to the body (food).
- VIII. Believers as winners live in the Divine Power System consistently, but believers who are losers live in the Cosmic – Satanic Sphere of Power.
- IX. Therefore cosmic believers are not only losers, but are unhappy as well. No soul satisfaction – No happiness.
- X. Cosmic believers are always seeking, searching for some area associated with happiness.
- XI. Wrong conclusions for happiness: wealth, environment, marriage, sex, drugs, alcohol, new job, etc. There is no such thing as happiness in anything associated with happiness if you are unhappy. Socializing with happy people will not make an unhappy person happy. IT IS THE CONDITION OF THE SOUL!

(GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR HAPPINESS-3 JOHN 4)