

“Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood: That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: That our garners (granaries) may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, Happy Is That People, Whose God Is The LORD.” Psalms 144:11-15 KJV



What is God to you? Your primary desire is your God. What is it on which you primarily focus? Granted, we must give earthly things our attention, but when necessary work is done and you are free to choose, where do your thoughts dwell? Self-gratification or pleasing God? One learns in the practice of faith that being right in the Eyes of Jehovah brings the greatest pleasure of all! To absolutely know beyond a shadow of doubt that Eternity’s Sovereign is your Friend and Father, forever satisfies human purpose! With God’s Word firmly fixed in our focus we will make choices pleasing to the Lover of our souls. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His Commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.”* Not so much fear of His Wrath as we should be, but fear of losing His Favor, much like a lover fears the displeasure of their beloved. A lover’s smile of pleasure is their beloved’s greatest joy. *“Thou hast made known to me the Ways of Life; Thou shalt make me full of Joy with Thy Countenance.”* God’s Word in our thoughts confirms His pleasure or displeasure with our choices and thereby our deeds. It is the standard by which we measure our life if we believe and trust God. *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the Way Everlasting.”* God’s Word believed, erases fear, because *“if God be for us, who can be against us?”* Not even death itself can threaten the Children of God!

Happy are those who love their God,
Joy will be theirs upon the sod,
Peace from above will their life Bless,
Living in Light of Righteousness. –CGP

God’s Word is His Blessing to men. We will enjoy His bountiful Provision as we walk the Path of obedience to His Word. He knows our needs before we ask, and He is pleased when we depend on Him. Our obedience demonstrates our love for Him.

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night.” Psalms 1:1-2 KJV