

KEEP HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Psalms 32

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Our happiness lasts beyond the New Year's celebrations. Jesus Christ Who has already blessed us and will continue to bless us all the way until December 31st.

1. KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS OF SIN – vv. 1-7

Sin in a believer's life will ruin a Christian's God-given privilege of experiencing His happiness.

a) Petition The Lord For Forgiveness- vv. 1-2

True happiness is what a person experiences when there is NO transgression, sin, iniquity or deceit in their lives that will distance them from enjoying closeness with God. v. 3 God allowed the burdens to press into David's soul. But he got the message! v. 5, vv. 1-2 David expressed his excitement! v. 6

b) Praise The Lord For Favor – v. 7

Once forgiven, we return to experiencing God's favor. For being hidden from the likes of drifting away (hiding place), preservation from allowing trouble to triumph over him (preserve me) and gave him reasons to sing of God surrounding him and delivering him from all things. SELAH! Meditate!

2. KEEP ALLOWING GOD TO SHOW YOU THE WAY – vv. 8-10

a) God Knows The Way – v. 8

Life is a series of moments that unfolds requiring us to make decisions that will be for our own good and for that of our families and our church. God has a specific, well thought-out plan for His glory! God is such a good Father, He takes the time to:

-Instruct us reveal things we don't know

-Teach us patiently wait for us to learn what we must learn

-Counsel us show us how to apply what was revealed and learned, so we can get things right!

b) Let God Have His Way – v. 9

Without misleading us about the reason we fail to allow Him to lead us into what's best for our happiness, God just comes right out and says it: we are stubborn people; we don't know what best for us **and** we need something to keep us in check! **Jeremiah 8:6** Self and sin make a saint stubborn as a mule. v. 10

3. KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHOUTING – v. 11

When we are truly living upright before the eyes of the Lord, it makes His heart glad! And when you are pleasing the Lord, He makes you glad!