

THE HAPPIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD

❖ **Happiness is a divine commandment**

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil 4:4)

“Rejoice always.” (1 Thes 5:16)

We may ask, “How we are asked to be happy? Is it in our hands?”

❖ **God is the Source of happiness, and His Church is a community of joy**

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is sweet; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” (Ps 34:8)

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” (Ps 33:12)

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.” (Isa 65:18-19)

“Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places.” (Deut 33:29)

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in Your righteousness they are exalted. (Ps 89:15-16)

“Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.” (Ps 146:5)

“Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” (Ps 40:4)

Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. (Ps 84:5)

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You! (Ps 84:12)

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.” (Ps 84:4)

We find our joy in **sharing with the Crucified Christ His agony**. *“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church.”* (Col 1:24)

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials.” (1 Pet 1:6)

❖ **The inner glory is the source of our happiness**

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev 20:6)

❖ **The Heavenly wisdom is the source of our happiness**

“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.” (Prov 3:13)

❖ **The Heavenly glory is the source of our happiness**

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” (Rev 19:7)

“Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” (Rev 19:9)

“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” (Rev 16:15)

❖ **Discovering the Divine plan is a source of our happiness**

"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty." (Job 5:17)

"Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." (Ps 128:4)

"I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews" (Acts 26:2)

❖ **The Divine commandments is the source of our happiness**

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful" (Ps 1:1)

"He who has mercy on the poor, happy is he." (Prov 14:21)

"He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he." (Prov 16:20)

"Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves." (Rom 14:22)

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." (Ps 41:1)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matt 5:3-12)

"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!" (Ps 119:2)

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." (Rev 22:14)

Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law, that You may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked. (Ps 94:12-13)

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. (Ps 112:1)

❖ **The fear of the Lord is the source of our happiness**

Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. (Ps 128:1)

❖ **The Redeeming work of our Lord is the source of our happiness**

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." (Ps 32:1-2)