Truly Great Will of God

3.4 Complete Contentment

Bible Verse: Matthew 5:3

Happy are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Proclaim: God has prepared abundant blessings for those who believe.

- **Truths**: There is fullness of joy in God's presence. Therefore we will rejoice in the Lord and He will grant us the prayers of our hearts.
- Introduction: Our previous lesson was about "Complete Faith". Today's title is "Complete Contentment". The Bible tells us that in the Lord Jesus we can have the lasting joy.



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David the King, who wrote the psalms, knew from a very young age that he had a vacuum in his heart. He understood that without God, the heart is lacking and empty. He frequently worshiped God with many songs of praise.

Scripture Reference: Psalm 23

- Lesson: (1) Emptiness in every heart The bible teaches that there is an emptiness in everyone's heart. This is like the recorded announcement in the Hong Kong subway - "Please mind the platform gap!" There is truly a sense of emptiness inside the spirit of every man and woman which only God can truly fill. King Solomon had discovered – "everything is futility and striving after wind. " The lover of money will not be satisfied with money. (Ecclesiastes 2:17; 5:10)
 - (2) <u>Need to remove the sense of emptiness</u> Everyone encounters loneliness, disappointment and emptiness. Psychologists believe that this emptiness inside a man's heart causes him to have a restless seeking for fulfillment.
 - (3) <u>Satisfaction that is not lasting</u> Despite getting what he runs after, man often feels disappointed or because the satisfaction he has derived is only temporal. Example: After boys have got what they wanted, they want more of it; girls never find their clothes too much. (Ecclesiastes 2:17)
 - (4) <u>Contentment that is complete</u> The Lord Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty". Only the Lord who gives us life can give true contentment. The psalmist, David wrote: "Delight yourself in the Lord", "There is joy in God's presence". Although David had faced many trials and had suffered continual undeserved persecutions by King Saul, he was a man of joy and contentment because of his steadfast trust in God. He had experienced complete contentment in God. (John 6:35; Psalm 37:4; 16:11)
- **Conclusion:** It is God's will to fill our empty hearts and to grant us complete contentment. Like King David, let us praise and draw near to God always, and have continual joy and contentment.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name.