

## The reason I'm not satisfied

I have a confession; I'm not satisfied, are you satisfied? That is one thing the average person is not. We are not satisfied/happy with anything. If a person does not have a job they are not satisfied until they get a job. When a person gets a job normally, we are not satisfied with the pay, the hours required to work or the type of work required. We take a vacation of a lifetime only to complain that it was too short. We drown ourselves with sun, fun, and good food. But we are not satisfied. As a child we say, "If only I were a teenager." As a teenager we say, "If only I were an adult." As an adult, "I want to live long but not be old." As an older adult, "I wish I was young again." We are not satisfied. Contentment is a difficult virtue. Why? Because there is nothing on earth that can satisfy the Child of God's deepest longing. All Christians long to see God and we won't be satisfied until we do.

Jesus said in John 18:36, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." We are made for Heaven. We are not happy here because we are not at home here. We are not happy here because we are not supposed to be happy here. We are like foreigners and strangers in this world (1 Peter 2:11). We cannot nor will not ever be happy on this earth because we were not made for this world. We will have moments of joy. We will enjoy the things of this earth. We will know moments and even days of peace. But they simply do not compare with the happiness that lies ahead.

Those people who are unhappy because they know they have great spiritual needs will be happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them (Matt 5:3).

God has promised satisfaction/happiness to an unsatisfied/unhappy crowd:

- "The poor in spirit": Beggars in God's soup kitchen.
- "Those who mourn": Sinners Anonymous bound together by the truth of their introduction, "Hi, I am me. I'm a sinner."
- "The merciful": Winners of the million-dollar lottery who share the prize with their enemies.
- "The pure in heart": Those who love lepers and others cast out by society.
- "The peacemakers": Architects who build bridges with wood from a Roman cross.
- "The persecuted": Those who manage to keep an eye on Heaven while walking through hell on earth.

It is to this band of pilgrims that God promises a special blessing. A heavenly joy. A sacred joy and happiness.

Satisfaction/happiness is something that comes from a relationship with Jesus. Even if life is hard and sometimes disappointing with mountains and dead ends we never expected, God promises joy! When we see like the Apostle John saw glimpses of our future joy, be sure you don't settle for anything less!

Remember the words of the song writer, "This world is not my home. I'm just a-passing through..."