

has so ordered things that happiness comes only to those who, like the Lord Jesus, go about doing good. (Acts 10:38) True happiness and fulfillment in this life and the life to come only comes to those who choose to make others happy. "Seek peace, and pursue it." Promoting peaceful relationships among our brethren and those in life that we encounter is the divine directive. (Rom. 14:19) "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." Peace, true peace, comes to those who seek for it in all earnestness through obedience to the word of God.

Happy days and the fulfilled life will come when we listen to the Lord, guard our speech, behave ourselves, and give our lives to the noble work of making peace between man and God.

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Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God's word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

*"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
1 John 5:14*

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Meeting times of the church

Sunday:

09:00 am Bible classes

10:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible classes

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Hebrew 10:23—25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some." But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

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Romans 10:15

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The Sacredness of Human Life



Psalms 8:5-6 - "For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,"

With all the disturbing statistics being reported today of suicide rates, particularly among young people, one is moved to ask, "is the real cause of this despair among young people simply due to drug and alcohol use, isolation during the virus, poor choices of companions, or is it something greater, more spiritual, more divine? >>>>

Whether addressing the afore mentioned problems and temptations of life that we all face one cannot mistake the inherent uniqueness of the human being. As the Psalmist David so beautifully penned. *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."* (Psa. 139:14-16) Man has the capacity for great heights of joy and rapture and the deepest depths of despair. This is not by accident but by the divine design of our God our creator. When we come to understand our origin we also come to know the sacred value of what God has given us. Consider the following:

Human life is sacred—

1. *Because of its origin:* It came from God. (Gen. 2:7; Acts 17:28)
2. *Because of its nature:* It was made in the image and in the likeness of God. (Gen 1:26,27).
3. *Because of its capacity:* It can achieve with hand, with mind; it can construct. Man has never reached the limits of his capacity in the material world.
4. *Because of its spiritual possibilities:* It can grow, it can serve, it can attain fellowship with God.

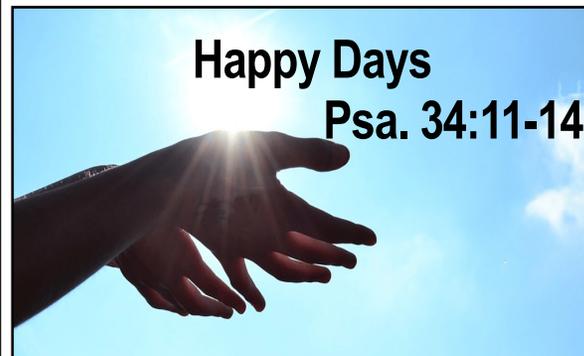
"Out of sadness, into gladness, Savior, Thou hast bidden me: Into blessing, all possessing, Out of self and into Thee. Out of terror, out of error, Out of all that darkness brings, Into union and communion with the Holy King of Kings. Out of seeming, out of dreaming, Out of earth's uncertainty, Into sureness and secureness, Out of self and into Thee." Jessie H. Brown

5. *Because of its destiny:* It can ascend upward to God and a happy eternity.

How needful it is to help our fellows, young and old alike, to come to know or remember their origin, their true nature, their true potential, and the One who made them the special and wonderful person they are. To live for His glory here and in eternity.

(Psa. 139:17-18) *"How precious also are Your thought to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You."*

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The above passage is a precious one indeed. As an indication of its eternal value, it is quoted in the New testament as well. (I Pet. 3:10-12) Happiness is the grand subject for our consideration.

Genuine happiness is that for which we sigh, for which the heart hungers. It does not

come by accident, or unbidden. It must be planted, watered, and cultivated. *"He that desires life, and loves many days:"* must do certain things.

He must listen to the wise words of the inspired word of God through, in this case His Psalmist David. *"Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."* Jesus the Master said, *"Take heed therefore how you hear."* The first admonition lays emphasis on "what" you hear, the second on "how" you hear. We are to hear God's voice, the source of true knowledge; we are to hear his voice attentively, sympathetically.

He must recognize the power of his speech and rule over it. Much misery is caused by careless, uncontrolled speech! The evils of the tongue are almost innumerable as they can propagate falsehoods, vulgarities, profanities, fault-findings, slanders, the telling of half-truths, and sowing discord. (Matt. &:1; Prov. 6:16-19) We must keep our lips from speaking guile; (deceit, flattery or pretense, and insincerity.

One must order their conduct. Contentment and disorderly conduct do not go together. The negative admonition in verse 14 is to "depart from evil", whatever the transgression of God's divine law might be.

The positive admonition to "Do good". God