

Sermon notes...

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“LIFE, LIBERTY & THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”

PSALM ONE

INTRODUCTION —

Q/A: IS THERE A “4TH OF JULY” IN SCOTLAND?!

A. PEOPLE PURSUE HAPPINESS WHERE IT ISN'T

1. THE NEGATIVES OF PSALM 1:1
2. ALL MEN SEEK IT, MOST MISUNDERSTAND IT (“FAKE”)
3. THE SIN PROBLEM (EPH. 2:1–3)

B. WHAT IS TRUE HAPPINESS?

1. BIBLICAL TERMINOLOGY: BLESSED (SERMON ON THE MT)
2. BIBLICAL THEOLOGY: BEING RIGHT WITH GOD
 - A. BELIEVING: MT. 16:17; JN 20:29; GAL. 3:9
 - B. FORGIVEN/FOUND IN CHRIST: ROM. 4:7-8; EPH. 1:3,6
 - C. FAITHFUL/OBEYING: MT. 24:46; LK. 11:28; JN. 13:16-17
 - D. STEADFAST/SUFFERING: JAMES 1:12,5:11; 1 PET. 3:14

APPLICATIONS

- #1. SEEK HAPPINESS WHERE IT CAN BE FOUND!
- #2. KNOW WHAT REAL HAPPINESS LOOKS LIKE!
- #3. BELIEVE THAT JESUS OFFERS TRUE BLESSEDNESS!
- #4. GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD YOUR BENEFACTOR!
- #5. SHARE GOOD NEWS WITH THE UNHAPPY UNBELIEVERS!

✎ AMEN ✎

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:

1776 —

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. . . .