Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Psalm 146: 5

True Happiness By: Rev. Billy Graham

Sometimes I almost wish Thomas Jefferson had not inserted those words in the American Declaration of Independence about "the pursuit of happiness."

He was correct, of course; God has given us the "right" (or at least the freedom) to pursue happiness. The problem is that millions think this must be the primary purpose of life, and they spend their lives frantically pursuing it. In the end, however, their search ends in disillusionment.

Happiness is a byproduct of something greater, not an end in itself. Happiness cannot be pursued and caught, anymore than one can pursue a sunny day, put it in a bottle, and then bring it out on a rainy day to enjoy again.

True happiness comes from a different pursuit – the pursuit of God. He has promised, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jer. 29: 13). That promise is true – because God also pursues us. He even sent His Son into the world to pursue us and bring us to Heaven.

Only God gives true happiness.

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