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To be satisfied and content Pt 2 God's children are to be satisfied

This is our second teaching from the scriptures on the topic – “to be satisfied, content”. In our previous study we established– (1) The heathen have their portion in this life and are not satisfied, (2) Silver and gold were a stumbling block of Israel's iniquity that would not satisfy their souls, and (3) Through the wrath of the Lord His people that err could eat their left hand and not be satisfied. In this study we establish three points (1) God's children are to be abundantly satisfied (2) those who fear the Lord shall abide satisfied and (3) the meek shall be satisfied.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. God's children are to be abundantly satisfied

“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures” (Ps.36: 8).

2. Those who fear the Lord shall abide satisfied

“The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil” (Prov.19: 23).

3. The meek shall be satisfied

“The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever” (Ps.22: 26).

Illustration

In believers there is often something of the flesh, something of the old man that Satan uses to buffet them. For some it could be power, others money, others things of the flesh. Such things are often left that we would learn what it means for God's grace to be sufficient. I know believers that have given up their millions and others who have given up their bodies thirst for the fleshly lusts, and others for food.

Question to think about.

When a lost person gets saved are they instantly satisfied, are they immediately content?

Answer from the scriptures

In a sense yes– because prior to being saved they desired a way out of hell and so salvation has definitely satisfied that need. But, on the other hand, Paul says– for I have learnt – in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Phil.4: 11). And also– 1 Tim.6: 8– “And having food and raiment let us be therewith content”.

And meekness, righteousness and fear of the Lord all bear the fruit of being satisfied, or content, we do not simply wake up one day and feel satisfied – because to be satisfied comes from meekness, righteousness and fear of the Lord.

Therefore, as Paul found – he only learnt about what it meant to be content when Satan was buffeting him, and he came to that place of knowing that God's grace is sufficient for his needs. He had lived out what the scriptures say. You cannot read about being satisfied and then expect to live differently, you will need to have fallen, sinned, be chastened by the Father to know what it feels like to fear God and depart from evil, to hate evil. When you, like Paul, rest in God bear the fruit of the Spirit of meekness, you will also bear the fruit of contentment and know God is your sufficiency, He will satisfy all your needs! Amen!