HAPPINESS IS . . .?

Psalm 126:1-6

Introduction:_____

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This Psalm does not *define* happiness; it *describes* it in three very realistic pictures:

I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW HAPPINESS REQUIRES ***FREEDOM*** (Psalm 126:1-3).

In looking at these verses, notice three things we can understand:

A. First, note the *historical* background.

B. Secondly, consider the *expositional* brief.

1. First, notice that freedom involves *deliverance* (126:1).

2. Secondly, note that freedom includes *delight* (126:2).

3. Thirdly notice that freedom incorporates a *declaration* (126:3).

C. Thirdly, note the *practical* application.

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW HAPPINESS REFLECTS ***FULLNESS*** (Psalm 126:4).

APPLICATION: As Christians, the Lord wants us to be filled as well:

1. **He *demands* that we be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:16).**

2. **He *directs* us to be filled with the Word of God.**

3. **He *desires* that we be filled with faith (Acts 6:5).**

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW HAPPINESS RESULTS IN _____ (Psalm 126:5-6).

Note the breakdown of these two verses:

A. First notice how it contains a _____ (126:5).

B. Secondly, notice how it encompasses _____ (126:6).

There are five important thoughts and insights set forth her is this verse. Note them:

1. First, soul winning involves a _____ ***"He that goeth forth . . ."***

2. Secondly, soul winning includes _____ ***". . . and weepeth . . ."***

3. Thirdly, soul winning incorporates a _____ ***". . . bearing precious seed . . ."***

4. Fourthly, soul winning encompasses a _____ ***". . . shall doubtless come again with rejoicing . . ."***

5. Fifthly, soul winning always takes in _____ ***". . . bringing his sheaves with him.'***