



Happy Days are Here Again
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- **Real Happiness is Not Internal – From within my power.**
- **Real Happiness is Not External – Outside forces to control.**
- **Real Happiness is Eternal – God's to Provide Forever.**

God's present to us is His presence in us!

Psalm 16:11 (NLT)

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Psalm 30: 11-12 (TPT)

Then he broke through and transformed all my wailing into a whirling dance of ecstatic praise! He has torn the veil and lifted from me the sad heaviness of mourning. He wrapped me in the glory garments of gladness. How could I be silent when it's time to praise you? Now my heart sings out loud, bursting with joy – a bliss inside that keeps me singing, "I can never thank you enough!"

4 Keys to Experience Eternal Happiness:

- 1 Recognize my place in God's plan and my powerlessness to change my current situation.**

James 1:1 (TPT)

Greetings! My name is Jacob, and I'm a love-slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm writing to all the twelve tribes of Israel who have been sown as seeds among the nations.

- 2 Respond by allowing God's Word to change my limited view to God's eternal perspective.**

James 1:2-4 (TPT)

My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

God's Perspective of my Problems – He uses them to:

- Inspect my current attitude and reactions.
- Direct me to a different place than where I am now.
- Correct my decisions and lifestyle.
- Protect me from a worse situation.
- Perfect me into the image of Jesus.

3

Request that God gives you His wisdom to see circumstances the way He does.

James 1:5-8 (TPT)

And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace. Just make sure you ask empowered by confident faith without doubting that you will receive. For the ambivalent person believes one minute and doubts the next. Being undecided makes you become like the rough seas driven and tossed by the wind you're up one minute and tossed down the next. When you are half-hearted and wavering it leaves you unstable. Can you really expect to receive anything from the Lord when you're in that condition?

4

Ready myself to receive God's untold provisions and true happiness, during difficult times.

James 1:12-16 (TPT)

If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life's difficulties, you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith, and receive the victorious crown of life promised to every lover of God! When you are tempted don't ever say, "God is tempting me," for God is incapable of being tempted by evil and he is never the source of temptation. Instead it is each person's own desires and thoughts that drag them into evil and lure them away into darkness. Evil desires give birth to evil actions. And when sin is fully mature it can murder you! So my friends, don't be fooled by your own desires!

James 1:17-18 (TPT)

Every gift God freely gives us is good and perfect, streaming down from the Father of lights, who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change. God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of his infallible Word so that we would fulfill his chosen destiny for us and become the favorite ones out of all his creation!

John 1:12, 14 (CPV)

Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God...The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us

ACTS

A – Adore God for who He is, no matter what's happening.
Worship him!

C – Confess anything that is standing in the way of God's untold provisions.

T – Thank Him for everything. Thank you for the virus.

S – Surrender to Him for your needs. He will supply.