"God Satisfies!"

PSALM 16:11
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16:11 – An easy reference to remember for those who appreciate the KJV Bible (which was translated in 1611).

INTRODUCTION: Illus: the world's vain attempts to find real life, happiness, and pleasure. Where do you find satisfaction and pleasure according to the world? Money, Fame, Real Estate, Sex, Harley Davidson, Drugs, Parties, Friends, Bud light; etc.

Many analysts and sportswriters consider Tom Brady to be the greatest quarterback in NFL history. After playing college football for the University of Michigan, Brady was drafted by the Patriots in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL Draft. Due to his late selection, Brady is considered the biggest "steal" in the history of the NFL Draft. In Brady's seventeen seasons as a starter, he has quarterbacked the Patriots to nine Super Bowls, and is one of only two quarterbacks to win the Super Bowl in their first season as a starter. He is also one of two players to have won five Super Bowls, and the only player to have won them all with a single franchise.

Brady has been honored with four Super Bowl MVP awards (Super Bowl XXXVI, XXXVIII, XLIX, and LI), the most ever by a player, and has won three league MVP awards (2007, 2010, 2017). He is the oldest player to have won the Super Bowl MVP at age 39, and the oldest to have won the regular season MVP at 40. Brady has also been selected to 14 Pro Bowls, and has led his team to more division titles (16) than any other quarterback in NFL history. He is fourth all-time in career passing yards for regular season play, third in career touchdown passes, and fourth in career passer rating. For regular season and postseason combined, Brady is first all-time in career passing yards and touchdown passes. Yet despite all of his successes in professional football and despite all of the fame he has and money he makes, he admitted “there’s gotta be more than this.”

NOTE: previous context +- David found his satisfaction <u>in God</u>.

1) God was his <u>protection</u> (vs. 1)

2) God was his <u>provision</u> (He didn't need a visa card) - Vs. 2 - ie. "My goodness (that I receive) is not extended to me by anyone other than you - God" The Hebrew says: "I have no good except in thee" "No good beyond thee" God is the source from which flows all that man needs and desires.

3) God's children were his <u>associations</u> (He didn't want worldly friends) - v. 3, 4. David loved to associate with the godly.

4) God was his portion (v. 5,6) (He had something better than real estate). "Inheritance" = when the land of Israel was allotted to the tribes, none was assigned to the Levites, because God said, "I am thy portion and thine inheritance among the children of Israel" (Num. 18:20).
"Cup" = David is saying, "God, you quench my spiritual thirst!"

"Thou maintainest my lot" - NOTE: the land was apportioned by the casting of lots (Num. 26:55), the result being determined by God.
**My destiny is in His Hand.

"the lines" - measuring lines that marked off the area of land allocated (appreciate what God has given to you)

5) God was his instructor (v. 7) (He didn't need psychologists (shrinks))

6) God was his goal (obsession) (v. 8a) (He wasn't climbing the corporate ladder toward money) (to live with the consciousness that God is in front of you will drastically change your lifestyle)

7) God was his guide and helper (v. 8b) (He was in better hands than "All-State")

8) God was his happiness (v. 9a) (The world can't match this joy)
9) God was his confidence (v. 9b) (his security)

10) God was his security (v. 10) (his insurance policy)
Acts 2:29-32 13:35-37

David's hope of victory over death was not because of something in himself, but it was fulfilled in Jesus.

Verse 11 - Now summarize the whole chapter.

Real satisfaction is in knowing God. And Jesus said that this privilege was hidden from the wise of this world and revealed to babes, and as Paul said, "made known by the Holy Spirit" (I Cor. 2:10-14).

The emphasis in this verse (as in the whole chapter) is on God! (NOTE: "thou . . . thy . . . thy").

You must always go to the right place (God) for satisfaction.

You must go to the true source of satisfaction!

* **GOD PROMISES TO MEET ALL OUR NEEDS! (Philippians 4:19)**

Philippians 4:19
But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

David knew the secret of this principle in v. 19. He could say: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the <u>righteous</u> forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

You can't out-give God! See verse 19 -

Lit: "But my God <u>will fill</u> every one of your needs . . ."

If you fill someone else's needs, your own needs will be filled!

His wealth is in Christ!

In <u>Christ</u> dwells all richness (Col. 1:27; 2:3), and those in union with Him are linked to the source and supply of limitless divine wealth.

God's resources are <u>unlimited</u>!

"He is possessor of Heaven and earth" (Gen. 14:22)
"The cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10)
"He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph.1:3)

(He satisfies our <u>emotional</u> needs!)

I. God is the only real source of ABUNDANT LIFE (v.11a)
(He gives real life!)

ILLUS: of receiving directions from someone and getting totally lost.

Today the world is lost! The blind are leading the blind. Only God gives direction to life.

"Thou wilt show me" = You will make known to me; you will cause me to know; You will teach me.

Note: The phrase refers to a full knowledge, not merely intellect but experience.

Note: Knowing God's will starts with a Romans 12:1-2 sacrifice

"Path" = way, manner. The normal word for path -

This word points not (merely) to the way toward life, but the way of living. The manner of true, satisfying living.

"The path of life" - the way indicated by God to man in which he lives in the highest sense of that term: the way of righteousness (Cohen, p. 39).

When you go God's way, your days are good! (top quality) and long (extended quantity)!

Jesus said the way to life was narrow (Mt. 7:14 & Jn.14:7)

"Life" - READ Deut. 30:11-15, 19

David asked God to guide his way (Ps. 139:24 - "And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The world has motion, but no guidance from God (like scattered sheep without a shepherd).
Every one is in a hurry to go no where!

As a society, "We are more concerned about movement that with direction." (Jowett, p. 28). We often fail to see God's direction.

We are more ambitious to have the wheels going round, than for our lives to be going down God's road.

Do you see the infinite (God) in your pilgrimage through the finite (world)?

Do you see Him in your ordinary work, in your traveling, playing, learning, festivities (EX. Of a wedding, etc.)?

You can choose your path or you can let God show you His path of life! (Prov. 3:5-6)

When you look back over your life, you will have many regrets if you choose your own path.

Abundant Life comes from Jesus (John 10:10)

II. God is the only real source of ABUNDANT JOY (v.11b)
(He gives real joy!)

Illus: of being invited to someone's house for dinner and leaving hungry.

"Fullness" = to be satiated; filled up to the brim; to have in abundance.

"Joy" = gladness, rejoicing.

We don't get our joy form what He gives us, but from Him!

When in Heaven, we will certainly be in His presence. Heaven is no boring place; Heaven is so joy-filled because the saints are in God's presence continually.

"In thy presence" = why don't men seek God's face; or desire His presence?

Because of sin (EX. Gen. 3:8-10 – "Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden." Men have been hiding ever since because of a love for "darkness rather than light . . ." (Jn. 1)

1) We need to pray – full joy is received by those who draw close to God (Ja. 1).

2) We need to "practice the presence of God." Full joy is received by those who "practice His presence"

(READ Ps. 139 – God knows all!)

We can't escape God's presence, yet we live sometimes as if He were not around.
EX. Talking on the phone brings joy; but seeing face to face brings real, fullness of joy! (Illustration of my three daughters while courting)

Abiding in Christ is the secret of fruitfulness & joy. (See John 15:1-f)

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

"Abide" – The word "abide" means to remain or dwell (as in Jn. 14:2 where the noun form has the meaning of an abode or dwelling place).

The word means to stay with; to continue in close proximity (Mt. 26:38); to stay put and not move (Mt. 10:11); or to dwell in something (as in a house) (Acts 16:15).

What Jesus is saying is this: Stay connected with Me (not in relationship, for that issue is God's doing and it is settled, but in fellowship).

In other words, Jesus is saying: "Stay close." "Stick with Me; your abundant life depends on it."

Are we close to Jesus when we don't:

Talk to Him?
Think about Him?
Love Him?
Obey Him?

"Abide in Me and I in you" – the connection is a mutual one.

"The symbolism of the Vine and branches is similar to that of the head and the body: we have a living relationship to Christ and belong to Him" (Wiersbe, p. 355).

"Of itself, a branch is weak and useless. . . the branch cannot produce its own life; it must draw that life from the vine. . . [We as believers must] recognize our own weakness and confess our need for His strength" (Wiersbe, p. 355).

No branch can produce fruit if it is detached from the vine, and no Christian can who is detached from the fellowship of Christ.

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"Much fruit" – the degree of our fruitfulness is determined by our degree of attachment in close communion with our Lord Jesus.

"Without Me ye can do nothing" = Apart from me, you are not able to do anything (which is of spiritual and eternal significance).

Yes, apart from Christ the natural man can perform (temporarily) physical functions. Most people are detached from Christ in relationship and in fellowship, yet they go to school, work a job, and reap the harvest of their worldly sowing. In the world's eyes they are quite successful.

However, the believer has an extra dimension to his life (a spiritual one), whereby we have the privilege of knowing God's truth, passing on a Godly heritage, demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit, being used of God in reaping souls for His Kingdom, etc.

John 15:11
These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Joh 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

III. God is the only real source of ABUNDANT <u>PLEASURE</u> (v.11c)
(He gives real pleasures!)

Real satisfying pleasure comes from God.

Real pleasure is more than feeling pleasant sensations on your nerve endings or relaxation to the flesh.

Why are riches at God's right hand? Because this is where <u>Christ is</u>! Christ is the source of all our spiritual riches (Eph. 2:7 - "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.")

"For evermore" = endlessly, eternally.

Our God is a God who gives and gives and gives. "Every good gift…comes down (from God)"

What He gives never gets outdated, old, or goes out of style.

No wonder Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasurers in Heaven." But Satan (the liar) tempts man to believe that God is withholding something from you!

God only withholds that which will dishonor Him and do us harm.

A lie of the Devil: "you can get your NEEDS met at church, through Bible Reading, from God – True! But come to me he says, if you want your pleasures satisfied"

CONCLUSION:

The Lord satisfies:

To the thirsty, He said - I am the living water (Jn. 4)
To the hungry, He said - I am the bread of life (Jn. 6:35)
To those in darkness, He said - I am the light of the world (Jn. 8:12; o:5)
To those outside of God's fold, He said - I am the door (Jn. 10:7, 9)
To the wayward and lost, He said - I am the good shepherd (Jn. 10:11)
To all of us who will one day die, He said - I am the resurrection and the life (Jn. 11:25)
To the world, He said - I am the way, the truth, the life (Jn. 14:6)

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

1. When you genuinely come to God, you never go away lost.
   (His path leads to real life - never a dead end)

2. When you genuinely come to God, you never go away hungry.
   (His presence brings full satisfaction - never inadequate)

3. When you genuinely come to God, you never go away empty.
   (His pleasures never run out - never exhaustible)

Can you honestly say:

1. My direction is in God
2. My joy is in God
3. My pleasures are in God.

But as it is written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."
But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:9-10)

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