Introduction: Being this is the 4th of July, most of us recognize the title of this lesson being in the Declaration of Independence.

**I) Pursuit of Happiness**

**A) Pursuit- act of**

**B) Happiness – .**

1. There is a “happiness” which is .

2. There is a happiness which is .

**C) Views on happiness**

1. An , a dream which will never be obtained.

2. Happiness by design is only temporary. **1 Corinthians 15:32**

3. Happiness is . **Philippians 4:4**

**II) Facts About Happiness**

**A) People .**

1. When we make decisions, we are doing so thinking it will make us happy.

**Galatians 5:19 -21**

**B) Often .**

1. The Bible is full of examples of people seeking happiness only to find something else.

2. Adam and Eve . **Genesis 3:5 -6,16, 17**

3. Israel wanted a . **1 Samuel 8:6, 19**

a. Were they happy with a king?

4. Ammon with **2 Samuel 13:10 -11, 14 -15**

a. Why wasn’t Amnon happy? He got want he wanted?

**C) They . Jeremiah 10:23**

1. God wants us to obey Him and that obedience is intended to be .

2. Going back to our definition of happiness. **Proverbs 5:18** ; **1 Samuel 8:7**

**III) What Will Make Man Happy?**

**A) Passages where happy is used in relation to man and God.**

1. The person who accepts . **Job 5:17 "**

a. In the N.T. we are told to accept God’s d . **Hebrews 12:11**

2. Those who in God are happy. **Psalms 146:5, Pro. 16:20**

**B) The Sermon on the Mount**

**1. Blessed are the , Matthew 5.3; .** **Blessed are those who , Matthew 5.4 ; the , Matthew 5.5 ; those who , Matthew 5.6; the , Matthew 5.7; the , Matthew 5.8 ; the , Matthew 5.9 ; who are , Matthew 5:10.**

**C) The Beatitudes in Revelation;** 1. **Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 19:9; 20:6**

**Conclusion:** Not all of our blessings, happiness will be immediate, some will and some will not come soon. But they will come and they will be enduring.