

Psalms 144:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD. After praying for prosperity, David clarifies: ultimate blessing is relationship—**whose God is the LORD**. Material blessings are wonderful, but covenant relationship is foundational. Blessing flows from knowing God.

Historical Context

Echoes Psalm 1:1, 33:12. Israel's blessedness rooted in covenant relationship, not political/economic power, though both could flow from relationship.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain proper priority: blessing flows from relationship with God?
2. How do happiness from circumstances versus from knowing God differ?
3. How does this challenge prosperity gospel and asceticism?

Interlinear Text

אֲשֶׁר י	הַ עַם	שֶׁכָּה	לֹ	אֲשֶׁר י	הַ עַם
Happy	is that people	that is in such a case	H0	Happy	is that people
H835	H5971	H3602		H835	H5971

שִׁיחָהּ הַ	אֱלֹהֶיהָ:
is the LORD	whose God
H3068	H430

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 33:12 (References God): Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Ephesians 1:3 (References God): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Psalms 146:5 (References God): Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

Deuteronomy 33:29 (References Lord): Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Psalms 65:4 (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.