

## ***DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED?***

### **THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**

*Psalm 33:6-12      Jeff Schreve*

#### **How are you pursuing happiness?**

##### **1. Many people are pursuing happiness in another god.**

*The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god  
will be multiplied. Psalm 16:4*

###### **A. The god of money cannot make you happy.**

*Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless  
to think that wealth brings true happiness! Ecclesiastes 5:10 NLT*

*Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness  
delivers from death. Proverbs 11:4*

###### **B. The god of success cannot make you happy.**

*But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it  
was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing  
really worthwhile anywhere. Ecclesiastes 2:11 NLT*

###### **C. The god of pleasure cannot make you happy.**

*I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the  
‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.  
Ecclesiastes 2:1 NLT*

*“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts our restless  
until they find their rest in Thee.” Augustine (354-430 AD)*

##### **2. You can pursue happiness in the true God.**

###### **A. The true God is the creator God.**

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the  
breath of His mouth all their hosts. Psalm 33:6*

B. The true God is the sovereign God.

*The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken. Psalm 33:10-11 NLT*

C. The true God is the awesome God.

*Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:8-9*

D. The true God is Yahweh God.

*And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

E. The true God is calling us to return to Him.

*"From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:7*

*"And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30*

**Happy people are those who are right with God!**