

## Sermon Outlines

### Satisfaction

*“My people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.”*  
*Jeremiah 31:14*

The primary application of this promise from God is, of course, to Israel in the future. Yet a secondary and spiritual application may be made to the people of God in all ages.

#### *I. Our Choice Possession — “My goodness”*

This is another way of saying the character of God.

Cf. Exodus 34:6; Romans 11:22.

##### *1. It is seen in Nature.*

- a. Crowning the year with it (Psa. 65:11).
- b. The earth is full of it (Psa. 33:5).
- c. It endures continually (Psa. 52:1).

##### *2. It is seen in Revelation.*

- a. The Lord God is abundant in it (Exod. 34:6).
- b. It is made to pass before His servant (Exod. 33:19)
- c. Believers are satisfied with it (Psa. 65:4).
- d. It is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).

#### *II. Our High Possibility — “shall be satisfied”*

##### *1. Wrong views of satisfaction*

- a. To the worldling it means ease.
- b. To the conventional man it provides an ordinary standard of living.
- c. To the Pharisee it assures superiority.
- d. To the Stoic it is a matter of indifference.
- e. To the selfish man it brings no regard for others.

##### *2. The right view of satisfaction*

- a. Bread for body never satisfies soul.
- b. God alone can.
- c. God alone does.
- d. Ordinary desires intensified by sin need forgiveness and transformation — then come grace and glory.
- e. “We have enough, yet not too much to long for more.”

##### *3. The characteristics of satisfaction*

- a. “With marrow and fatness” (Psa. 63:5).
- b. “With mercy” (Psa. 90:14).
- c. “With honey” (Psa. 81:16).
- d. “With good things” (Psa. 103:5).
- e. “With Thy likeness” (Psa. 17:15).
- f. “With the bread of heaven” (Psa. 105:40).
- g. “With long life” (Psa. 91:16).

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4. *The recipients of satisfaction*
  - a. “The meek” (Psa. 22:26).
  - b. “The poor” (Psa. 132:15).
  - c. “The longing soul” (Psa. 107:9).
  - d. “A good man” (Prov. 14:14).
  
5. *The time of satisfaction*
  - a. “In the days of famine” (Psa. 37:19).
  - b. “In drought” (Isa. 58:11).
  - c. “When I awake” (Psa. 17:15).
  - d. “Early” (Psa. 90:14).

### III. *Our Great Privilege* — “My people”

Once we were not His people — no relation. See, therefore:

1. *The conditions.*
  - a. Mercy to be obtained (1 Pet. 2:10) — pardon
  - b. Idolatry to be abandoned (2 Cor. 6:16) — purity
  
2. *The meaning.*
  - a. “Peculiar people” (1 Pet. 2:9) means literally “people for a possession.”
  - b. A people, a name, a praise, a glory (Jer. 13:11).

### **Conclusion**

Only God’s “people” shall be “satisfied” with His “goodness.” The possess of satisfaction means purity for the believer and praise for God. Is it yours? Do you belong to His people?

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