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Oasis Sunday School Class

LEARNING CONTENTMENT

PHIL 2:14 DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT GRUMBLING OR DISPUTING...SO THAT YOU WILL PROVE YOURSELVES TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD, ABOVE REPROACH, IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND PERVERSE GENERATION.

or complaining

PHIL 4:10-14 BUT I REJOICED IN THE LORD GREATLY, THAT NOW AT LAST YOU HAVE REVIVED YOUR CONCERN FOR ME; INDEED, YOU WERE CONCERNED BEFORE, BUT YOU LACKED OPPORTUNITY. NOT THAT I SPEAK FROM WANT, FOR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES I AM. I KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITH HUMBLE MEANS, AND I ALSO KNOW HOW TO LIVE IN PROSPERITY; IN ANY AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING FILLED AND GOING HUNGRY, BOTH OF HAVING ABUNDANCE AND SUFFERING NEED. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME. NEVERTHELESS, YOU HAVE DONE WELL TO SHARE WITH ME IN MY AFFLICTION.

- CONTENTMENT IS A DEEP SATISFACTION WITH THE Will OF GOD.



THE ETERNAL GOD IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE, AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS. DEUT. 33:27

- AT THE HEART OF THE gospel WE FIND A CONTENTED FATHER AND A CONTENTED SON

1. THE FATHER'S CONTENTMENT

- GEN. 1:3 THEN GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE LIGHT"; AND THERE WAS LIGHT.
- AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. GEN. 1:10,13,18,21,25
- GEN. 1:31 GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND INDEED, IT WAS VERY GOOD.
- CONTENTMENT LEADS TO Rest
- GEN. 2:18 "IT IS NOT GOOD THAT MAN SHOULD BE ALONE"
- GEN. 3:15 FIRST PROMISE OF A Savior
- DEUT. 32:4 FOR GOD IS A ROCK! HIS WORK IS PERFECT, FOR ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST; A GOD OF FAITHFULNESS AND WITHOUT INJUSTICE, RIGHTEOUS AND UPRIGHT IS HE. A perfectionist is Never Satisfied
- WE ARE ALL CREATED BY GOD AND ARE ALL imperfect
- WE MUST LEARN TO FIND OUR true Satisfaction IN GOD ALONE
- HE ALONE IS perfect
- KEY TO OUR SATISFACTION IS THAT WE ARE hidden "IN CHRIST"!
- CHRIST IS OUR perfection

- GOD GAVE A VERBAL TESTIMONY OF HIS SATISFACTION OF HIS SON:
 - AT HIS Baptism
 - AT THE MOUNT OF Transfiguration

2. THE SON'S CONTENTMENT:

MATT. 26:37 MY SOUL IS DEEPLY GRIEVED, TO THE POINT OF DEATH

- SORROW AND DISTRESSES ARE NOT Contradictory TO CONTENTMENT
- MATT. 26:42 "MY FATHER, IF THIS CANNOT PASS AWAY UNLESS I DRINK IT, YOUR WILL BE DONE"
- PHIL. 2:3-8 LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHERS BETTER THAN HIMSELF. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK OUT NOT ONLY FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER IT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD, BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, TAKING THE FORM OF A BONDSERVANT, AND COMING IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE **HUMBL**ED HIMSELF AND BECAME **OBEDIENT** TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.
- 2 INGREDIENTS OF CONTENTMENT:
 - Humility
 - Obedience

ENEMIES OF CONTENTMENT:

SELFISH Selfish Ambition
* Pride

MARK 10:45 FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.

JOHN 10:17-18 "THEREFORE MY FATHER LOVES ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE THAT I MAY TAKE IT AGAIN. NOT ONE TAKES IT FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MYSELF."

HEBREWS 12:2 WHO, FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM, ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

CONTENTMENT:

- LOOKS FOR ITS Duties
- IS QUICK TO ASK, "HOW CAN I Obey GOD IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE?"

MATT. 11:29 TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU **AND LEARN FROM ME**, FOR I AM GENTLE AND LOWLY OF HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

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