



Be Satisfied and Contented with Jesus

This message is designed to arouse and help re-prioritize our passion and love for the Lord above everything else. If everything else fell apart in your life, would you still be satisfied with Him?

One of the most prolific things we need to develop in our walk with God is contentment—that **Jesus is enough**. If Jesus is not satisfying to us, nothing will.

Text: John 14:5-9 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? [6] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. [7] If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. [8] Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. [9] Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

- a) Here in these verses, we see Philip wanting more than Jesus. Jesus made it clear that there was nothing more. Jesus was it. Philip was not satisfied with Jesus.
- b) Yes, a relationship with the Lord has benefits, but the most important benefit of having a relationship with God is—a relationship with God. Nothing else. Nothing comes close to that. We need to continually remind ourselves of this lest we lose focus.
- c) There are things we won't do if we are truly satisfied with Jesus.
 - i) The murders, cheating, and plunders are all down to people not being satisfied with Jesus. The way we walk in life, our dealings with others, speaks volumes about where our heart and satisfaction are. Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

- ii) Because we are satisfied with Jesus, there is a place for us to allow ourselves to be defrauded for the sake of the Gospel and kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:7).

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

- a) One of the reasons we aren't satisfied is because we aren't walking in the fear of God. When we depart from evil which is the fear of God, we will live and stay satisfied. If we aren't abiding satisfied, one place to look is our fear of the Lord.

We need to continually remind ourselves of the following:

- a) Jesus is our everything.
 - i) Because Jesus is everything, if you are satisfied with Him you have everything, and you will abide satisfied. Jesus ought to be all we need.
 - ii) Lord, I'm satisfied with you. You are all I have ever needed. You are my joy, peace, provision and all. Because I have you, I have it all. Thank You, Father.
- b) Things do not satisfy.
 - i) Proverbs 27:20 "Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied."
 - If we understand this, we should stop seeking to be satisfied with things. The eyes of man are never satisfied. Even if we give them more, it will want more. We need to move our satisfaction from things to Jesus.
 - ii) Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and **the deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

- Many of us are distracted by the riches and the possession of the things of this life which have affected our satisfaction with the Lord and our relationship with Him.
- We need to be cautious of these things which can hinder or interfere with our contentment with Jesus, which is rooted in knowing His Word. Whatever steals the word will soon rob our relationship with Jesus.
 - Care of this world
 - **Deceitfulness of riches**
 - Lusts of other things

iii) Luke 12:15 *And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

- We need to be content with Jesus. A man's worth or life is not measured by the abundance of the things he possesses.
- **The most important thing that has eternal value is our relationship with the Lord.**

iv) Ecclesiastes 5:10 *He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.*

- If this is true for money, it is true for sex, wealth, power, and all these things that people would die for. Seeking satisfaction in things is detrimental to our relationship with the Lord.
- Marriage does not satisfy. No man or woman has it in them to satisfy another person. If Jesus is not your satisfaction, no man can.

c) You have it all

Colossians 2:10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

- i) In our born-again spirit man, we have all things. We are complete in the Lord. We need to be satisfied and content with Him.
- d) What matters the most?

Philippians 3:7-10 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. [8] Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, [9] And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: [10] That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

- i) We need to remember what the priority is. Jesus is and should be our priority.
 - ii) One reason Paul was able to count all things loss is that he had made Jesus and knowing Him his number one priority—nothing else.
 - iii) Counting all things loss and having Jesus as the priority is not a onetime thing but a continual attitude and act.
 - iv) One of the ways we count things as a loss is by keeping our mind stayed and set on the Lord to the point that we aren't troubled or bothered by a lack thereof.
 - If we keep our mind focused on the things of this world, we won't count them as a loss.
- e) Better than all

Jesus is better than wealth, riches, women, men, sex, power, Jesus is better than the best thing this life and world can offer. You can be focused on Jesus and so satisfied with Him to where you will not think about sex, money, or power.

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f) Take the whole world but give me Jesus.

Many times, we do the unspeakable only because we aren't contented with Jesus. If Jesus does not satisfy, nothing can, and nothing ever will.

Philippians 4:10-11 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

a) Learn to be content. It does not happen naturally. It is learned.

b) We do not have to wait to have everything we need to be lined up for us to be content. It is a choice we must make.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

a) We need to learn to be content. This starts with being content with Jesus. If Jesus is not enough, nothing else ever will. Being godly and content is a great gain. It is great wealth.

i) If we aren't content with Jesus as the very source of contentment and godliness, we are missing out on the greatest wealth of all.

b) If we aren't content with life or what we have, **chances are we aren't content with Jesus.** True contentment springs from being satisfied with Jesus and having a relationship with Him.

c) This is not to say we should not desire to advance or improve. I'm not advocating complacency, but I'm saying that if we are content, the channels and means we use to advance or move up will have to be godly means.

If you are empty, NO thing on earth will ever fill that emptiness, but Jesus. Every man needs a relationship with Jesus to come to a place of contentment and satisfaction.

This song Just be by Kim Walker-Smith says volume on what I have been saying:

Everything else can wait
I've come to seek Your face
So, everything else can wait
I'm here for You
I want to

Just be here at Your feet
Just be here on my knees
Here in Your presence, I am complete
Jesus, You're all that I need

There's nothing I want more
'Cause nothing matters more