

## Unabated Felicity

*Psalms 144:15: Happy is that people, that is in such a case:  
yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.*

Happiness is a fleeting sensation. So much of what makes us happy is determined by elements that are very mercurial, such as the weather or the mood of people that we are in social contact with or for that matter what the latest disturbing news headline might portend. The unpredictability of life in a cursed universe can produce a plethora of happiness-ending situations even for the most ebullient disposition. Unless we are possessed with a "hope that is steadfast and sure" our felicity is apt to be quenched with the first wave of bad news that inevitably reaches our ears before we swallow our first spoonful of breakfast.

The purveyors of bad news are ubiquitous and have employed the means of mass communication to make certain that no rational person should experience a "happy ever after" life. Consider the dour countenance of the national news talking heads that dish out their daily portion of gloom. One would have to agree with their morose assessments and dire prognostications if it weren't for the mitigating truth that the believer is well aware that our happiness is not bound to the events of a cursed world.

Our unabated happiness is predicated on the good news of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus promised "your joy no man taketh from you". Our felicity is firmly fixed on a sure and certain hope in a coming redeemed world, vouchsafed to us by an immutable God. While the psychiatrists dispense their mood elevators, that only provide a temporary and artificial relief, the Lord of Glory has extended love, joy, and peace through the operation of His Holy Spirit. Happy, indeed, is that people whose God is the Lord!

Have a blessed day,

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