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Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (The Living Bible)

Title: "God Fulfills His Promises"

Introduction: Today, let us talk about "the pursuit of happiness" as a promise to be fulfilled by God. This idea of the pursuit of happiness makes me think of what they call a dangling carrot. It comes from a story of a person riding on a mule.



Context: "Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." (Matt. 5:1-2) Here we see Jesus about to give one of the most famous and the best sermons ever preached. The sermon gets the name from the place where it was preached. It is called the Sermon on the Mount because it was preached on the mountainside in Galilee. The sermon has become famous because of what it says. Here Jesus calls different groups of people "**Happy**" and then goes on to tell us why. The word that is translated "**Happy**" in our Bibles can mean actually "**Blessed**."

Jesus' secret to happiness:

1. Happy are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)
2. Be happy! be glad! Because great is your reward in heaven. (Matt. 5:12)

Conclusion: Rejoice in the gift of salvation and all the happiness that Jesus has given you through his death on the cross.