

A PROMISE OF PERFECT FAMILY HAPPINESS

Note to the speaker:

Jehovah's purpose to have one large happy human family without factions will soon be fulfilled by means of the Kingdom. Even now, application of Bible principles by individual families leads to peace and happiness. Give answers that first-time attenders can readily grasp. Also, strengthen the faith of those who are Jehovah's Witnesses

THE FAMILY—A DIVINE GIFT (3 min.)

Jehovah expressed his purpose to fill the earth with a perfect human family [**Read Genesis 1:26-28**]

What a wonderful prospect! (*w14* 1/15 8 pars. 3-6)

The happiness found in family life is a gift from God (Ru 1:9; Ps 127:3)

HOW FAMILY HAPPINESS WAS DISRUPTED (5 min.)

The disruption of family happiness began when Satan rebelled against God

Satan persuaded the first human couple and wicked angels to abandon their heavenly Father

Instead of experiencing the unity and happiness that Jehovah had originally purposed, the human family as a whole is divided socially, religiously, and politically

Within the family unit, we see dysfunction, stress, and unhappiness (2Ti 3:2, 3)

Adam and Eve's departure from Jehovah's universal family has not only hurt our Creator deeply but has also brought pain, suffering, and death to all their descendants (Ge 3:16-19; Ec 8:9; Ro 5:12)

HOW FAMILY HAPPINESS WILL BE RESTORED (5 min.)

Our heavenly Father would never allow his purpose for an eternally happy human family to be thwarted by disloyal rebels

Jehovah showed his fatherly love by including a prophecy of restoration while pronouncing judgment on the serpent, Satan [**Read Genesis 3:15**]

God will use Jesus, the primary part of the "offspring," to bring an end to Satan and undo the effects of Adam's sin (Joh 3:16; 1Jo 3:8)

By means of the ransom sacrifice of Jesus, "the last Adam," all loyal descendants of 'the first Adam' will enjoy perfect family happiness forever (1Co 15:22, 45; Mt 20:28)

Jehovah's purpose for families will have been accomplished when Jesus hands everything back to his Father [**Read 1 Corinthians 15:24-28**]

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A HAPPY FAMILY NOW? (14 min.)

God provides guidelines for families that result in happiness when applied (Pr 3:5, 6; 4:1-4; *fg* 18-19)

[**Read Ephesians 5:28-32**] Jehovah wants husbands and wives to be loyal to each other and to display unselfish love and to respect each other (Heb 13:4)

[**Read Ephesians 5:22-25, 33**] Jesus' headship over the congregation serves as a model for Christian husbands (1Pe 3:7)

Husbands must show self-sacrificing love by providing for their family materially and taking the lead spiritually (De 6:5-7; 1Ti 5:8)

[**Read Ephesians 6:1-3**] Children find happiness when they obey their parents and learn how to apply Bible principles (Ec 11:9, 10; 12:1)

[**Read Ephesians 6:4**] A parent's example in showing love for God will have a profound effect on his child

For children to find lasting happiness, they must learn how to please their heavenly Father (2Ti 3:14, 15)

A HAPPY GLOBAL FAMILY AT LAST! (3 min.)

God's promise of one united, happy global family will be realized (Ps 37:10, 11)

Would you like to be included among the happy ones described at **Psalms 89:15, 16**? [**Read**]

If so, we encourage you and your family to continue acquiring accurate knowledge of God's will for families (Mt 5:3; Joh 17:3)

By means of God's Kingdom, "all the families of the earth will be blessed" as they experience God's promise of eternal peace and happiness (Ac 3:25)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pp. 52-55, 166-169]