

SATISFIED WITH LIFE!

Are you satisfied with your life as it is today? If you thought NO or NOT REALLY, you are probably thinking about something you consider outside your control.

You missed the word SATISFIED. It is possible to be a spiritual mature believer, engaged in the work of the Lord, have family member engaged in the work of the Lord and **NOT BE SATISFIED WITH LIFE.** Jacob was this type of believer.

<p>We will study <u>four aspects</u> of Satisfied with Life the Lord has given us to live out on earth.</p>
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1. The evident that Jacob was NOT satisfied with the life given to him by Lord is found in his obituary written by the Lord.

When you read God's obituary of the three patriarchs, this becomes clear.

- **Abraham** (Gen.25:8) [175yrs] **sabea** ("an old man and satisfied with life" in the NASB and "full of years" in the NIV)
- **Isaac** (Gen.35:29) [180 yrs.] **sabea** ("an old man of ripe age" in the NAS and "satisfied with his days" or "full of years" in the NIV)
- **Jacob** (Gen.49:33) [147 yrs.] (our lesson text) – **NO sabea**
"When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people."

Sabea was not used with Jacob. All three patriarchs lived beyond their age limit (Gen.6:3; Ps.90:10).

Hebrew word sabea literally means "to reach full limits." Some translate it to body age (full of years/ NIV); others translate it to soul maturity (satisfied with life)

At the age of 147, Jacob was senile in body but not in soul (Gen.49:9, 28).

(Gen.48:10a) "Now the eyes of Israel were so dim from age that he could not see."

The evident that Jacob was not senile in his soul was his clarity of prophesy given in Gen.47-49.

He died not satisfied with his life. Jacob let trial and tribulations get to him (**Gen.47:9**).

- Left home young in trouble (Gen.27, 32-33)
- Laban deceit and cheat (Gen.28-31)
- Death of Rachel and Joseph (Gen.48:7, 11; 35:16-20)
- Family mess (Gen.34-38)

2. **Jacob may have thought that he didn't have any control over his trials and tribulations.**

This is not true (Matt.6:25-34) **Who** decides **what** your life consist? “**Each day has enough trouble of its own.**” (Matt. 6:34b) therefore read Matt.6:33; John 16:31-33.

It is one of those cosmos diabolicus lies of worldly thinking pushed by Devil to distract the believer from the truth of the world of God for his life (Eve – Gen.3; 2 Cor.11:3/ John 8:44; Mat.13:39; 16:21-23; Eph.4:27; 6:11; 1 Pet.5:8; 1 John 4:4; Rom.8:9-11).

Satisfied with Life: “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” (Gal.2:20; Phil.1:21)

3. **We understand that the same God who is sovereign over our days is sovereign over the events of our days (Eccl.3:1-15; Ps.103:19; 118:24; Col.1:16-17).**

(Eccl.3:11a) **He has made** everything appropriate in its time.”

(Job 14:5) “Since **his days** are determined, the number of **his months** is with You; and **his limits** You have set so that he cannot pass.”

(Eccl.3:15) “That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.”

God gave **Job** the same obituary as **Abraham and Isaac**.

(Job 42:17) “And Job died, an old man and full of days (sabea/ satisfied with life).” [140 yrs.] (Job.42:16)

- What did these three believers learn doctrinally and accept that Jacob didn't?
- What did these believers learn that gave them soul vigor while rigor mortis was setting in their bodies?

4. **Paul gives us the answer in 2 Cor.4:16-18.**

We will study five principles regarding the secret of living a Satisfied Life in Christ.

1. Heart
2. Outer-inner man
3. Afflictions
4. Things seen
5. Things eternal