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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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God Satisfies

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David exalts God when he writes, “*Who satisfieth thy desire with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like an eagle*” (*Psalms 103:5*). The King James renders “*thy mouth*” as to what God satisfies. The New American Standard version reads “*your years*”. The Revised Standard Version says He satisfies “*you*”. Just what did David have in mind when he wrote this verse? We know God satisfies something relating to us, but what is it exactly? Can we know for sure?

The Hebrew word under consideration is “*adiy*”, and it is translated most of the time “*ornaments*” as in *Jeremiah 2:32*. The word is in the context of emphasizing value and beauty, which the heart would rejoice in and desire (*2 Samuel 1:24, Ezekiel 7:20*).

The freshness and vigor of youth is definitely an aspect of life that is valued. So much so, that many are constantly seeking to find the “*fountain of youth*” so it never escapes their grasp. David certainly has the strength of youth on his mind in the second part of the verse when he compares it

with that of an eagle (*cf. Isaiah 40:13*).

Whether limited to the desire of youth, youth’s strong appetite which renders strength, or broadened to our desires in general. God satisfies them all. “*Thou openest thy hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing*” (*Psalms 145:16*).

God provides food to satisfy the desire of hunger (*Psalms 104:14, Matthew 6:31-33*). If David is centering on the desire of the “*mouth*” and “*hunger*” in our text, God certainly shines as our beneficent provider. God provides the marriage relationship between husband and wife to satisfy the desire for sex (*Genesis 2:24, I Corinthians 6:13, 7:1-5, Hebrews 13:4*). The lazy cannot blame God for their lack of food, nor can the fornicator point an accusing finger at God for creating sexual desires that could not be legitimately fulfilled.

God has made provisions to satisfy lawfully every human desire. We have a desire to be honored by others. God provides youth with a blueprint to overcome being looked down upon: “*Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an ensample to them*

that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity” (*2 Timothy 4:12*). Young people, a godly character is the antidote for being despised, not a loud voice demanding respect. You want to be exalted? Humble yourself before God and he will exalt you in due time (*Luke 18:14, I Peter 5:5-6*).

The spiritual part of our makeup is the most valuable, because it mirrors God’s image (*Genesis 2:27*), and is eternal, (*2 Corinthians 4:18, Matthew 16:26*). God not only satisfies our physical hunger with appropriate food, but He satisfies our spiritual hunger with His word (*Matthew 4:4*).

God satisfies our total being with “*good things*”. Are not His provisions in nature the “*good foods*” we continually have to come back to for good health? Following God’s plan to serve others, provides a “*good blessing*” that few enjoy continually, and some only once or twice a year (*Acts 20:35, I Timothy 6:17-19*). A “*good name*” is what God provides through a godly character (*Ecclesiastes 7:1*).

God satisfies us totally with good things!