



# 4.48

## BEATITUDE



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Words to know:

beatitude (*blessedness, happiness*)

"We shall consider first the \_\_\_\_\_ of human life, and second, those things by \_\_\_\_\_ of which man may advance towards this end or stray from the path." —St. Thomas Aquinas

### Morality concerns:

1)

2)

To put it another way, what is \_\_\_\_\_ and how do we become \_\_\_\_\_?

When we're acting at our fullest potential, then we're \_\_\_\_\_.

### Beatitude:

Perfect happiness is that which \_\_\_\_\_ and not for the sake of something else.

Things sought, but not for their own sake:			

Perfect happiness, once you have it, there's nothing else to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Flourishing:

Every creature has a \_\_\_\_\_, and is not perfectly happy until it \_\_\_\_\_ that purpose.

Figuring out what will make us human beings happy, St. Thomas focuses on what is unique about us. . . It's that we can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It's that we can \_\_\_\_\_.

So, perfect happiness involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.





St. Thomas thinks that knowing and loving God face to face, what we call the \_\_\_\_\_, is perfect happiness.

God is existence itself and everything that exists, exists by \_\_\_\_\_ in His existence. Everything that is lovely, everything that is desirable, or fun, or pleasurable, is so by participation in \_\_\_\_\_.

We'll only be satisfied when we know, not only lovely things, but the God who is \_\_\_\_\_ itself, who is \_\_\_\_\_ itself, when we know not only true things but the God who is \_\_\_\_\_ itself, who is all in all.

### **Perfect Happiness:**

We will only be satisfied when we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Itself.

The rest of the second part of the Summa is about keeping us on the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. That is what \_\_\_\_\_ is about.

### **Imperfect happiness:**

We cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ in this life. We can only be \_\_\_\_\_ happy as we are drawn to God.

### **Comprehension questions:**

1. Why can't we be perfectly happy in this life?
2. How should we live so as to be moderately happy in this life and perfectly happy in the next life?

