

In Whom Does God Delight?

(Part 2)

II Samuel 22:17-26

Previously

- From **Psalms 18:19** [cf. II Samuel 22:20]
- “Delight” – one in whom God is pleased and takes pleasure in.
- God delighting in us ought to be our goal.
- Noted a few examples of men in whom God delighted
 - And how He responded to them

“He delighted in me”

“According to my righteousness”

- Righteousness – adhering to what is required –conduct that is right in God's eyes.
- However, one can go through the motions and not be righteous
 - Wrong standard
 - John 17:17 – “your word is truth”
 - “Faith” is only outward
 - cf. James 1:21 – “... the implanted word”
 - Romans 10:1-4 – “... not according to knowledge”

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- David's righteousness was from his heart.
- I Samuel 13:13-14 – “... a man after his own heart”
- Acts 13:22 – “a man after my heart”

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“According to the cleanness of my hands”

- This a legal term meaning someone had no part in something wrongful
- Biblically, it describes one who is innocent, either in a given situation or his overall manner of life. He has not participated in something evil.
- cf. James 4:7-10 – “Cleanse your hands”

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- David is declaring that he acted honestly with others
 - cf. I Kings 15:5 – “... David did what was right in the eyes of the Lord ...”
- We need to be living with “clean hands,” doing our best to live without sinning
 - Hebrews 10:19-23 – “let us draw near with a true heart ...”

“He delighted in me”

“I have kept the ways of the Lord”

- God delights in those who obey Him
 - Luke 6:47-48 – “... hears my words and does them”
 - James 1:22-25 – “he will be blessed in his doing”
- Faithful – one upon whom God can depend
 - I Corinthians 4:1-2 – “... stewards of the mysteries of God”
 - II Timothy 2:1-2 – “... entrust to faithful men ...”

“He delighted in me”

“[I] have not wickedly departed ...”

- David was not rebellious, hypocritical, or corrupt.
- God does not delight in those living wickedly or hypocritically
 - Jeremiah 6:10 – “... they take no pleasure in it” (cf. Titus 1:15-16)
 - Acts 8:22 – “Repent ... of this wickedness ...”
 - James 1:8 – “a double-minded man”

“He delighted in me”

“I was blameless before him”

- Psalms 41:4 – “... I have sinned against you” [cf. II Samuel 12:13]
- Psalms 19:12-13 – “I shall be blameless”
- We have a Savior who can present us blameless
 - Colossians 1:21-23 – “... present you holy and blameless ...”

“He delighted in me”

“With the merciful you show yourself merciful”

- II Samuel 9:1 – “that I may show him kindness ...”
- Micah 6:8 – “... to do justice”
- Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful”
- James 2:12-13 – “... judged under the law of liberty”

“He delighted in me”

“With the purified you deal purely”

- Purity – Unpolluted or undiluted
 - Matthew 5:8 – “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
 - Psalms 24:3-4 – “He who has clean hands and a pure heart”
 - James 4:7-10 – “... purify your hearts”

“He delighted in me”

“You save a humble people”

- Humility was the quality of David that caused him to seek forgiveness
 - II Samuel 12:13 – “I have sinned against the Lord”
 - Psalms 51:1-4 – “... my sin is ever before me”
 - II Samuel 24:10 – “I have sinned greatly”
 - Psalms 149:4 – “he adorns the humble with salvation”
 - I Peter 5:5-6 – “... he may exalt you”

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Why?

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Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – "... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

Obeying The Gospel

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – "... with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

Obeying The Gospel

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"