

Pleasing God

"I feel His pleasure when I run." Eric Liddell

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Secure Attachment: 1. When I look for Him, I can find Him.

2. When I find Him, He is always happy to see me.

3. He is my solution.

God wants us to have a secure attachment with Him to be a foundation for all of our relationships. God's love never falls, but what we choose to do doesn't always please Him. It's the difference between who we are and what we do.

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God's Good Pleasure

Psalms 147:10-11 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

1 Chronicles 29:17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

Psalms 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Psalms 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

His Pleasure Is His Will

Isaiah 44:28 Who says of Cyrus, '*He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure,* Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Ephesians 1:5 Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

Ephesians 1:9 Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

Psalms 103:21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

Luke 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

Pleasing to God

Numbers 14:8 If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

Psalms 22:8 He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.

Isaiah 42:1 Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 62:4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.

Acts 7:20 At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.

2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Philippians 4:18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

Colossians 1:10 That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

Titus 2:9 *Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back.

Hebrews 13:21 Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 John 3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

God Can Be Pleased By Us

Jeremiah 31:20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

Malachi 3:4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Psalms 69:29-31 But I *am* poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bull, Which has horns and hooves.

Psalms 111:2 The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Romans 15:1-3 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

1 Corinthians 7:32-34 But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please *his* wife. There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please *her* husband.

2 Timothy 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

He Takes No Pleasure In...

Ezekiel 18:23 Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "*and* not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Ezekiel 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

Ezekiel 33:11 Say to them: '*As* I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 5:4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.

Ecclesiastes 5:4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed—

Romans 8:8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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