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TAKE DELIGHT IN THE LORD

The Lord loves the adoration, the praise, and the worship of His people. Those who truly take delight in Him and live to please Him are greatly rewarded by Him both in this life (despite hardship) and in the life to come.

Psalm 37:4 says, ***“Delight thyself in the LORD and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”*** To “take delight” means to be greatly pleased in Him and desire a close and intimate relationship with Him. We would desire to never displease or disappoint Him.

We had a plaque that said, *“If it pleases you to please God, then you can do as you please.”* The idea in that is that you would only do what pleases Him because you have absolutely no desire to do otherwise. Living to please yourself or other people is not even a consideration.

Psalm 119:1 says, ***“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk after the law of the Lord.”*** The “undefiled” means to us those who are clothed in the righteousness of Christ. “In the way” means those who follow Jesus. The earliest believers (not yet called Christians) were called “followers of the Way” with “way” meaning Jesus, as He had said (I John 14:6) ***“I am the way...”*** The “law of the Lord” means walking as the Word teaches us from Jesus’ own words and the instructions in the epistles.

Psalm 1:1-2 says, ***“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel (manner) of the ungodly...but his delight is in the law of the Lord.”*** These passages tell us that we will be blessed for taking our pleasure and delight in God and His ways.

Seek the heart of the Father. Seek the face of Jesus. You will find great delight in Him.