

In Whom Does The Lord Delight? (1)

Psalms 18:19

Defining the Delight of God

- From the Hebrew, חָפֵץ (ḥp̄ṣ - haphets) – “be mindful of, attentive to, keep, protect” (BDB). “to incline to,...to bend” (Strong’s). To focus toward one.
- The word describes one or something one takes pleasure in or is pleased with.
- In our text, God takes pleasure in & is pleased with David.

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- **Psalms 147:10-11** – He does not delight in the strengths of the horse... the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him...
- **1 Kings 10:9** – the Queen of Sheba to Solomon
- **1 Samuel 15:22** – to King Saul after failing to obey the LORD
- **Isaiah 62:4** – of Jerusalem - "...the LORD delights in you."

Defining the Delight of God

That God delights in us ought to be our goal

- **2 Corinthians 5:8-9** – we make it our aim to be well pleasing to Him
- **Colossians 1:10** – walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him
- **Psalms 37:4**, *Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.*
- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** – *Let the wise man glory in...*

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

David

- **2 Samuel 22:20** – the object of our text.
- **Acts 13:22** – a man after My own heart...

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Enoch

- **Genesis 5:24** – he walked with God.
- **Hebrews 11:5** – he did not see death because he pleased God

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Job

- **Job 1:8** – *“Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil.”*
- **Job 2:3** – *...he holds to his integrity...*

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Abraham (Abram)

- **Genesis 12:1-4** – He goes just because the LORD told him to.
- **Hebrews 11:8** – he walked away from an idolatrous land
- **Genesis 22** – He is willing to offer up Isaac, trusting God. Note **22:12-18**
- **James 2:23**, *“And he was called the friend of God.”*

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Moses

- **Numbers 12:6-8** – ... *I speak with him face to face, even plainly...*

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Daniel

- A servant taken captive to Babylon and faithfully serves the LORD for decades.
- After the fall of Babylon to Medo/Persia, he continues to faithfully serve the LORD
- **Daniel 9:23** – after praying, confessing, repenting and teaching (for Israel), Gabriel appears to him, “*for you are greatly beloved.*” **Also 10:11 & 19**

Examples of men in whom the LORD Delighted

Jesus

- He is our perfect example
- **Matthew 3:17**, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased...” Also **Matthew 17:5**
(cf. **2 Peter 1:17**), **John 12:28**
- **Philippians 2:9-11** – God has highly exalted Him

Promises to those who delight in Him

- **Numbers 14:8**, ... if the LORD delights in us, He will bring us into this land (Joshua & Caleb)
- **2 Samuel 22:17-20** – David (our text) – looking back, he saw how often the LORD had protected, delivered him and sustained him
- **Genesis 39:21** – Joseph, the LORD showed him mercy and gave him favor with the prison keeper
- **Nehemiah 2:8** – *The king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me...*

Promises to those who delight in Him

- **1 Peter 2:9**, He delights in us. We are “His own special people...”
- Because we please Him:
 - He can use us – **Ephesians 2:10**
 - He can give us what we need and guide us through this life (providentially) – **Matthew 6:33**
 - He can deliver us from temptations – **1 Corinthians 10:13**
 - Open doors for us – **Colossians 4:2-4**
 - Hear and answer our prayers – **1 Peter 3:12**
 - Help us increase our faith & knowledge – **James 1:5**
 - Draw us closer to Him – **James 4:8**

Is God delighting in
you?

Let us pray!