

## God Delights in His People – 09 18 05

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If you will turn to Deuteronomy chapter 10: we see that god choses for himself a people in whom he can delight. There are certain things in which we take lot of delight and the lord takes great delight in his people. If you turn to Deuteronomy tenth chapter from the 12<sup>th</sup> verse: And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy god require of thee, but to fear the LORD Thy god, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy god with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

To keep the commandments of the lord and his statues, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy god, the earth also, with all that therein is.

Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all the people, as it is this day.

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff necked.

For the LORD your god is god of gods, and the lord of lords, a great god, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not person, nor taketh reward:

He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment

Love you therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Some of these scriptures are eye openers to many people. You don't see such truth or such word ever proclaimed. Love the lord your god and it comes down to get rid of your stiff neck and then the fatherless and widow and the stranger will begin to figure in your thinking. When a young man who was turning to the lord said to me, you know, a stranger came to our village and began to live with his family and I quarreled some of my friends and said, let us drive this man, let us stone him and drive him out of the place. I was one of the instigators and he felt repentant about it. Now you know it came such a shock to me! Are there such people on the face of this earth? Of course modern life is teaching us, all of us, to be very selfish. We don't generally think of other people's

feelings. But some people do not even know they are loved. Here the lord says, I chose you to and delighted in you. I chose you to be my delightful people. Can you imagine that the lord delights in us and we don't delight in him? But I am afraid very often if we see even the ordering of our program, some people are just kidding themselves. If a company ordered any of our boys to go across long journey to across the continent, he would make sure he is there. He won't complain about it, he will not shrug his shoulder or demur. No! there are certain things which in the performance of our duties or in the performance of our profession, we feel are just normal. But when it comes to eternal things, we use a different yard stick. We can say to god I love you with all my heart but, well, a yes at certain times I do on Sunday morning when the singing is fine or everybody is elevated to a higher level or we are all at height of emotion. No my dear friends, if we delight in the lord, it should be at all times. In rough times, you know that's when our real anchor is unveiled, in very rough weather, what is it that is your real stay. That's it! And that you will regard as the saving feature in your life. That anchor held, otherwise had a crush on the rocks. We would have all been wrecked and killed. That anchor held. Now friends, is that an anchor of delighting in the lord.

If you turn to proverbs, chapter eleven and verse twenty: They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

Those who are upright in their way are his delight. 12<sup>th</sup> chapter and 22<sup>nd</sup> verse: Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

See there are certain things which delight the lord. The upright walk: there are certain things which a Christian walk cannot ignore. Now, one of those things that the Christian heart could not ignore in history was slavery. Well, there were those who justified slavery from the scriptures. There were those who said this is essential for our commercial wellbeing. We can't run our farms without this slave labor but there were those who said, this is morally wrong and they stood by it. You know my father always used to say, the people of Ethiopia were gassed and my father said the world kept quiet. Oh, what was the outcome? How much death and misery it brought to so many nations of Europe? The world kept silent before when the actual atrocity was committed against a poor people. A heart which cares, a Christian heart will go across the world, sacrifice flesh and blood to lift somebody else. Some people today are so devoid of Christian values that they cannot see that god loves the sinner, god loves even the offender. You know some times even Christians can't see that. Well, this man is an offender. That's it.

Alright, I am an offender, a prime offender. I knew all the truth but I went against it. You should judge me first before you judge any other man. God's grace has still reached me. you know some Christians, oh we are a revival moment. We have seen great revival. We have seen people freed, drunkards freed, broken homes united, we have done this and that and how can we have anybody who defaults our fails? We cannot in anyway take away from the command of the lord. Be you therefore perfect even as your heavenly father is perfect. That's a command. And the redemptive work upon the cross of Calvary covers all the cost involved. There is nothing there which the cross does not cover. It covers your nature, it covers your emotions, it covers your tempers, it covers your foolishness, it covers your greed, it covers your whole nature. That's the cross. My dear people, so the lord has prepared a way by which you and I can be the delight of the lord. How can I be the delight of the lord? You see, how can my thoughts be the delight of the lord? It's a shear wonder and miracle, if a person like me can ever be the delight of the lord. But here is a god who covers me by his grace and endues me with such power that I can be the delight of the lord. I am not saying god is engaged in a great cover up. No no no. there are some people who like to make use of the grace of god as being a huge cover up. See, we are all under grace therefore we can do what we please. No no no, not all. How can we continue in sin when it cost Calvary to Jesus? That upright living, upright thinking and in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter and the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse: but they that truly are his delight. Why should we have such a great difficulty about being truthful in all our ways? God choses for himself a people in whom he can delight and the lord takes great delight in his people.