

God Delights in Those Who Delight in His Commandments – 09 25 05

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If you turn to Deuteronomy tenth chapter, from the 12th 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 statutes which I command you this day for your good?

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

Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all 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 persons, 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.

The lord delights in those that walk truly. You know folks, we should be above money motivation. Alright, what more do you want me to have? You want me to wear 6 coats? All at the same time to impress my congregations? One day the president of my college came into the French lecture class, there was a poor old lecturer who was summoned from the retirement of film. And one of those boys came with half a dozen ties all round his neck and president as he walked by he saw this rowdy class walked in and he said you have too many ties, let me have them and he took them and put them in his pocket. Well, my dear friends, listen, we don't have to impress anybody with all these kind of vanity. No no no. truthfulness being the delight of the lord. Let us look at the 15th chapter of proverbs and the 8th verse: The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Now you know prayer and bible study can get very nominal in the society in which we live. If you see a person go into a room and shut the door, it's a very uncommon for a person to go into his bedroom and shut the door these days and you know there is this ever present cell phones these days. So a man cannot even have a moment's peace in his own home. Somebody is over the phone, somebody is yelling, somebody is doing something. The prayer of a righteousness man: The prayer of the upright is his delight. Now do we delight the LORD? Do we give him joy by our prayer life? You know prayer life can become very very weak. The pressures today are so unrealistic. As one of our brothers said to me the other day, the pressures and what is expected from you in the work place can become almost impossible to fulfill. The expectations of your employers. But you know somehow a praying person gets an idea which nobody seems to get. There was an engineer who was a very upright man in the early days when I was just an unconverted boy. And he would say some times he would prosecute top officials and he would stand in court and some of these top men, close to the governor, he would get them into the box. Because he was fearless and so truthful and then the government ask him to explain, what is this action of yours? His replies would be masterpieces: just because he went to the lord and waited on the lord. And he could produce master pieces in no time, nobody could get him. You know they tried to get him, they could not. Folks, those that wait upon the lord, those that are his delight, he communicates with them, he teaches them. You know we are going to lose all that. We are going to be very mundane people. You know fighting the air, beating about the bush. When we lose that direction which comes from the lord. You will also see that god requires us to delight in certain things. If you turn to Isaiah chapter 58 and the 13th verse: if you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words. Do you see this folks, when we delight in the day which the lord has sanctified and given us a day for us to recuperate and be strong? Somehow we carry a certain degree of tiresomeness into the Lord's Day and the lord's day is the day when you must recharge, for the whole week, you must recharge. You can also fill it with the lot of activity. No, unfortunately because we are hardly able to do justice to the need around us. You know Sunday is a very heavy day to me, continual counseling and praying with people. Now when we are at a time when there is so much need round us, we should be able to extend, that's with the lord. The lord is able to make use of each one of you and give you grace to renew yourselves. The lord will renew you; the lord will give you new grace. But there are certain things

which you must learn to delight and one of those things in which you must find your delight is the Lord's Day. Those who don't find their delight on the Lord's Day, I am afraid they will be flat tires rest of the week. Today I think you can characterize certain nations as being tired. The whole nation is weary, tired. What about, what is the big thing we are doing to be so tired? The lord is able to raise up people for every need. Let us lean upon the lord but we should do what the lord says. Delight yourself in the lord. Now if you turn to 112 psalms and the first verse, you know delighting in the lord, delighting in his word is a theme that runs through: praise ye the lord, blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, and delighteth greatly in his commandments. You know as a matter of fact, what is torpedoing this nation today? We don't want the Ten Commandments! What a shocking thing! What are you going to do without the Ten Commandments? What are you going to have? Try to find some kind of substitutes for those Ten Commandments. Has anybody ever tried? What is the opposite of those Ten Commandments and we are getting the opposite of those Ten Commandments today. You know how much is being spent on security, I do not know, I must ask one of these stores. Stealing and lying has been increasing spectacularly and we must ask one of these stores how much are you budgeting or investing for just security. You know I was shocked, I was waiting for a bus, behind me was one of the big stores and certain guards came out and they grab hold of a woman, she began to yell and scream but they said no. they grabbed her, dragged her back into the store. So many things have been stolen in those stores. It's a matter of survival. Thou shalt not steal. The lord delighteth greatly in those, praise the lord and those who delight greatly in his commandments.