

TWO WORDS: DELIGHT AND PLEASING Absolute Surrender

"I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.
Daniel 7:13-14

SON OF MAN: FIRST AND LAST

The First Time:

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea. Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
Matthew 8:18-20

The Last Time:

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.
Revelation 14:14-20

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
Revelation 1:12-16

Question

What are we to do with the life we have left in view of our understanding of Jesus, the Son of Man? What can we bring Him worthy of who He is?

THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD: *DELIGHT*

What is our *delight*?

The Law of the Lord

How blessed is the man who does not (1) walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor (2) stand in the path of sinners, nor (3) sit in the seat of scoffers! But his (what) delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.
Psalm 1:1-2

The Lord Himself

Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4

The Lord's Statutes

Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Your mouth. I have (1) rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will (2) meditate on Your precepts and regard Your ways. I shall (3) delight in Your statutes; I shall (4) not forget Your word.
Psalm 119:12-16

The Testimonies of the Lord

Your testimonies also are my delight; they are my counselors.
Psalm 119:24

The Lord's Commandments

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, (why) for I delight in it.
Psalm 119:33-35

What is His *delight*?

Blameless before God and man

A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight. The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their walk are His delight. Proverbs 11:1, 20

Integrity with others

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal faithfully are His delight. Proverbs 12:22

Prayers from the righteous

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight. Proverbs 15:8

Summary

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24

THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD: *PLEASING*

The old life and the new nature:

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; (therefore) walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Ephesians 5:6-10

Setting the mind on the things of the Spirit and not the flesh:

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh (what) cannot please God.

Romans 8:5-8

Without *faith* it is impossible to please Him:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

And 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 seek Him.

Hebrews 11:1-6

God promises to work in us what is pleasing to Him:

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

The end view of all life and death is to be pleasing to Him:

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord- for we walk by faith, not by sight- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as (what) our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9