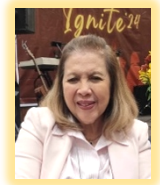


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GOD'S DELIGHT

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The word "delight" means pleasure, joy, satisfaction and happiness. What gives delight to God? What makes His eyes light up? God is pleased when we develop a close personal relationship with Him, when we do our utmost to get to know Him better and when we experience Him in our daily lives. God knows us absolutely, we are precious to Him and He called us by name (Isaiah 43: 1). It gives Him great pleasure if we draw close to Him.

1. God's Delight is a Relationship With Us.

Our relationship with God will bring us to heaven. This means including God in our daily lives, in our daily activities. God's presence in our lives brings unspeakable joy and peace. Taking time daily to communicate with God in prayer is necessary in building a relationship with Him. God delights in those who fear Him, those who put their hope in His mercy (Ps. 147: 11).

2. God's Delight is For Us to Know Him.

God delights when we embrace what is important to Him: knowing Him personally and living a life that reflects His fidelity, justice and integrity (Jer. 9: 23). Know God's priorities. What is most important for Him?

- a) Know God through faith in His Word. Study the Scriptures.
- b) Know God by focusing on His ways.
- c) Know God by observing His works.
- d) Know God through full surrender to Him.

3. God's Delight is to Reveal Himself to Us.

Throughout the Scriptures, whenever God speaks, He reveals something about Himself.

- a) God reveals His purpose. God knows the future and His plans for us are good and full of hope (Jer. 29:11).
- b) God reveals His ways. He made known to us that His thoughts and His ways are very different from ours (Isaiah 55: 9). When we try to comprehend God's ways, we can become frustrated. His ways are higher than our ways; and His actions often do not make sense to our earth-bound minds.
- c) God reveals Himself by what He does in our lives. We come to know God by experience.

CONCLUSION:

Sometimes we don't understand God's plan and His ways. It is important to realize that God is perfect in all His plans and purposes. In all humility, let us be confident that He knows best, and that His plans and purposes are always perfect. Let us cultivate a relationship with Him by getting to know Him better, so that He may reveal Himself to us. Let us strive to be God's delight.

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