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Delighted in God



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Through the Psalms
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> Delight yourself in the Lord
> and he will give you the desires of your heart.
> (Psalm 37:4)

Notice that first phrase: "Delight yourself." I once heard someone ask this question: "Do you enjoy your religion, or do you endure it?" To the majority of people, religion is something to endure, a kind of painful duty. However, that is not how God wants us to experience Him. The Westminster Confession, the basic doctrinal statement of the Presbyterian Church, says: "The supreme duty of man is to glorify God, and to *enjoy* Him forever." Have you ever thought of enjoying God?

God says, "Delight yourself in Me, and I will give you the desires of your heart." That does not mean simply that God will do for us everything that we might wish or think. The desires of our own carnal, unregenerate nature are often warped and perverted.

If God were to satisfy these desires, the final outcome would do us more harm than good. In their place, however, God promises new desires, godly desires, beneficial desires – the kind of desires God Himself has. Then He will satisfy these desires, because they are the ones that He Himself has given us.

But first, David tells us, we must learn to delight ourselves in the LORD. This means that our personal relationship with the LORD becomes the most important thing in our lives. It takes precedence over all other relationships and over all other forms of satisfaction. There can be no "ulterior motives." We relate to God for His own sake, not for the sake of what we hope to receive from Him.

Then comes the paradox: This single-minded relationship to God for His own sake opens the way into a realm of satisfaction we could never otherwise envisage, much less enjoy.

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