

“WHAT MAKES GOD SMILE?”

“The Lord takes pleasure in His people.” Ps 149:4 (GN)

Worship is living a life pleasing to God

“Because of God's great mercy... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.” Rom. 12:1 (GN)

“Figure out what will please Christ and then do it.” Eph. 5:10 (Mes)

“Noah was a pleasure to the Lord.” Gen. 6:8 (LB)

WE GIVE GOD PLEASURE...

1. WHEN WE LOVE HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE

“I don't want your sacrifices-- I want your love! I don't want your offerings--I want you to know me!” Hosea 6:6 (LB)

“Noah consistently followed God's will and enjoyed a close relationship with him.” Gen. 6:9b (NLT)

“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure” Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

2. WHEN WE TRUST HIM COMPLETELY

“The Lord takes pleasure in those who honor him and trust in his constant love.” Ps. 147:11 (GN)

“By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told... His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, Noah became intimate with God.” Heb. 11:7 (Mes)

God: “I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory.” Ps. 50:14 (LB)

3. WHEN WE OBEY HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY

“We please God by what we do and not only by what we believe.” James 2:24 (CEV)

“Noah obeyed and built a boat...” Heb. 11:7 (CEV)

“Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him.” Gen. 6:22 (NLT)

“Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey.” Ps. 119:33 (LB)

4. WHEN WE FULFILL HIS PURPOSES

“Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth!” Gen. 9:1 (KJV)

“The steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives.” Ps. 37:23 (NLT)

“God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship -a different kind of “sacrifice”—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets.” Heb. 13:16b (Mes)

“This is the crisis we're in: God’s light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness...because they were not really interested in pleasing God.” John 3:19 (Mes)

“The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who are wise, who want to please God.” Ps. 14:2 (LB)

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.” 2 Pet. 1:3 (Mes)