

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE LORD TAKETH PLEASURE IN THEM

PSALMS 147:10-11

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Introduction:

As I was working on the message this thought came to mind.

“It’s an amazing thought that God should not only be at peace with some people, but He even finds pleasure in their company.

Who are these that the Lord taketh pleasure in?

We find them in our text.

Let’s consider this evening these that bring pleasure to the Lord.

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THEY DEPEND ON THE LORD (VS. 10)

Psalm 147:10

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

We too often put confidence in our ability and accomplishments, but God delights in our dependence.

Turn to: Jeremiah 17:5-11

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⁵ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. ⁷ Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. ⁸ For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ¹⁰ I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

¹¹ *As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.*

Notice Three Principles Found in These Verses. Each of These Principles Have With Them a Promise:

A. First Principle – (vs. 5)

Jeremiah 17:5

⁵ *Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*

1. Cursed is the man that trusts in men.
2. Cursed is the man that makes flesh his arm, (or effort or strength).
3. Cursed is the man whose heart departs from the Lord

B. First Promises – (vs. 6)

Jeremiah 17:6

⁶ *For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.*

1. Shall be like the heath in the desert.

A sorry shrub, the product of barren ground, sapless, useless, and worthless; his comforts shall all fail him and his hopes be blasted; he shall wither, be dejected in himself and trampled on by all about him.

2. Won't see when good comes
3. Shall inhabit the parched places
4. Desolate and waste land

C. Second Principle (vs. 7)

Jeremiah 17:7

⁷ Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

1. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord
2. Blessed is the man whose hope the Lord is.

D. Second Promise (vs. 8)

Jeremiah 17:8

⁸ For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

1. A tree planted by the waters
2. Shall not see heat
3. Her leaf shall be green
4. No worry or care in the year of drought
5. Shall yield fruit

E. Third Principle (vs. 9)

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

1. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked

F. Third Promise (vs. 10-11)

Jeremiah 17:10-11

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Remember the words of the Lord in John 15:5

John 15:5

⁵ *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.***

The Lord taketh Pleasure in Those Who Depend on Him.

Note secondly those Lord Delights In:

2. THEY FEAR THE LORD (VS. 11)

Psalm 147:11

¹¹ *The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.*

Remember Proverbs 1:7

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⁷ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Note:

A. The Purity of Fear (Psalms 19:9)

Psalm 19:9

⁹ ***The fear of the LORD is clean***, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are true and righteous* altogether.

Note not only the Purity of Fear but also:

B. The Privilege of This Fear

Psalm 25:14

¹⁴ *The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

There are many privileges of fearing the Lord:

John 15:15

¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ephesians 1:9

⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Ephesians 1:18

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Note not only the Purity and Privilege of Fear but also:

C. The Protection of this Fear

Psalm 60:4

⁴ Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

The Lord takes pleasure in those who depend on and fear Him.

Note lastly these that bring pleasure to the Lord:

3. THEY HOPE IN THE LORD (VS. 11)

Psalm 147:11

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Notice:

A. The Source of Hope

- The Lord

Lamentations 3:24

²⁴ The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Romans 15:13

¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Lord is our source of hope. Notice also:

- The Word of God

Psalm 119:49

⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

Psalm 130:5

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Psalm 119:81

⁸¹ My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Close:

Understand:

The Lord takes pleasure in those who are dependent on Him.

The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear (reverence) Him.

The Lord takes pleasure in those who find their hope in Him.