

Lesson 9 – What Makes God Smile?

Psalm

119:135

The smile of God is the goal of your life. Since pleasing God is the first purpose of your life, your most important task is to discover how to do that. Eph. 5:8-10

Fortunately, the Bible gives us a clear example of a life that gives pleasure to God. The man's name was Noah.

1. What was the moral state of the world in Noah's day?
2. What did God think of Noah? Gen. 6:8

Because Noah brought pleasure to God, you and I are alive today. From his life we learn the fine acts of worship that makes God smile.

A. God smiles when we love Him supremely. Noah loved God more than anything else in the world, even when no one else did! Gen. 6:9

- i. Why does God want you to love Him? Hosea 6:6

ii. What is the most important commandment? Matt. 22:37-38

B. God smiles when we trust Him completely.
The second reason Noah pleased God was that he trusted God, even
when it didn't make sense. Heb. 11:7

i. What three problems with God's plan for Noah would caused
concern in Noah's mind?

ii. How long did it take Noah to build the ark? How much faith did
that take? Ps. 147:11; Heb. 11:6

iii. Do you really trust God?

iv. How have you shown God you trust Him?

C. God smiles when we obey Him whole heartedly.

i. Does God expect us to do exactly what He asks?

- ii. Did Noah obey completely? Gen. 6:22

Noah obeyed God completely, exactly and on time. He followed God's instructions without reservations or hesitation. God deserves that kind of obedience from us.

- iii. What is wrong with partial obedience to God's commands?
Psalm 119:33; Ja. 2:24; Jn. 14:15

D. God smiles when we praise and thank Him continually. Few things feel better than receiving heartfelt praise and appreciation from someone else. God loves it too, He smiles when we express our adoration and gratitude to Him.

- i. What did Noah do in response to surviving the flood? Gn. 8:20
- ii. What happens to us when we offer praise and thanksgiving to God? Ps. 69:30-31; Ps. 68:3

E. God smiles when we use our abilities.

- i. What did God tell Noah to do after the flood?
Gn. 9:1,3

Are spiritual activities like reading the Bible, praying etc. the only activities that bring pleasure to the Lord?

- ii. Why did God give you the talents and abilities you have?
Ps. 33:15

- iii. Are you using your talents and abilities to please God and help others?

- iv. If you had only 24 hours left on earth what would you do with then to bring pleasure to God? Psalm 14:2