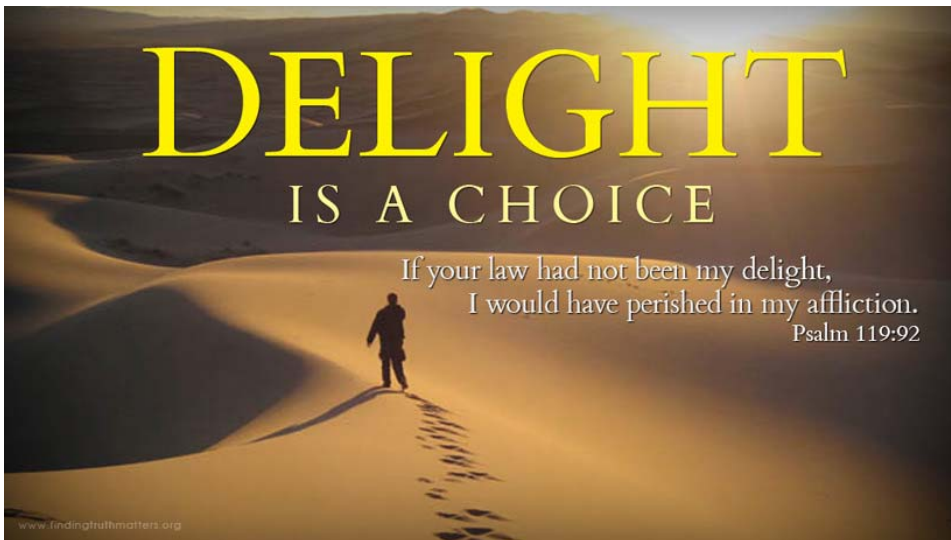


David encouraged us in Psalm 37 to delight in the Lord and not to envy others (vv.1-4). Although he was talking about envying people who get away with evil, we can apply it to other types of envy. Instead of comparing ourselves with others, we need to delight ourselves in God. In His time, He'll fulfil the desires of our heart and affirm that we are in His will.

We're all in "God's service" as believers. And serving Him is a sheer delight.

*Let the joy of the Lord be your strength—
May His peace fill your heart day and night;
As you walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
You will find that He'll lead you aright. — Clair Hess*

Contentment comes when we delight ourselves in God



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A Sheer Delight

After finishing high school in 1941, Clair Hess anticipated serving his country by joining the army. But when he developed a heart murmur from a bout with scarlet fever, he was denied acceptance. He admits that he was envious of his fellow graduates and other servicemen in their uniforms, but he was helped by reading Psalm 37 and seeing how the psalmist David handled envy.

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—● PSALMS 37:4 ●—

While Clair was wondering about God's direction for his life, his uncle suggested to him that the Lord might be calling him to His service. So Clair attended Bible College and was led into a career of singing and later editing for a Christian ministry. He's been doing that for 50 years now and calls serving God "a sheer delight."



Delighted Comfort

Today we have three prayers for God's people:

1. Lord, may we see your _____, Psalm 96

(Job 40:9-10) "Have you an arm like God? .. {10} Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor, and array yourself with glory and beauty."

(John 1:14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

(Mark 9:2-3) "... Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. {3} His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them."

(Mark 9:7) "And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!""

(Ezekiel 1:26-28) "And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. {27} Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. {28} Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking."



2. Lord, may your _____ us to you,

Psalm 27

(Genesis 12:11) "... you are a woman of beautiful countenance."



Oswald Chambers

3. Lord, may we find _____ in you, Isaiah 55

(Job 22:23-26) "If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove iniquity far from your tents. .. {25} Yes, the Almighty will be your gold And your precious silver; {26} For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God."

(Isaiah 11:3) "His delight is in the fear of the LORD, .."

(Psalms 94:19) "In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul."

(2 Chronicles 17:6) "And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; ..."

(Psalms 40:8) "I delight to do Your will, O my God,"

(Psalms 119:35) "Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it."

(Isaiah 58:13-14) ""If you turn away your foot from .. doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, {14} Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, ... The mouth of the LORD has spoken.""

(Isaiah 66:10-11) ""Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; {11} ..That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory.""

(Malachi 3:1-2) ""Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. {2} "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap."

(Psalms 112:1) "Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who .. delights greatly in His commandments."

(Psalms 119:16) "I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word."

(Psalms 119:24) "Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors."

(Psalms 119:92) "Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction."

(Psalms 119:143) "Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights."

(Psalms 119:174) "I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight."



Are you looking in the wrong places for satisfaction in life?