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Title: Day 8 Planned for God's pleasure

**Bible
references:**

- Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.
- Ps 149:4 For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.
- Eph 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will
- Gen 6:6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.
- Ex 20:5 ... I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...
- Deut 32:36 The LORD will judge his people and have compassion on his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.
- Judg 2:20 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel ...
- 1 Kings 10:9 Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness
- 1 Chron 16:27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.
- Ps 2:4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- Ps 5:5 The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.
- Ps 18:19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.
- Ps 35:27 ... The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant
- Ps 37:23 If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm
- Ps 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him

Ps 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works

Ezek 5:13 Then my anger will cease and my wrath against them will subside, and I will be avenged. And when I have spent my wrath upon them, they will know that I the LORD have spoken in my zeal.

1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Ps 147:11 the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Is 29:13 The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men"

Ps 105:4 Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Ps 113:3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

Ps 119:147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.

Ps 5:3 In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Ps 63:6 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Ps 119:62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

Ps 34:1 I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips

1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your reasonable act of worship.

Title: Day 9 What makes God smile?

Bible references:

- Num 6:25 The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
- Ps 119:
135 Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.
- Eph 5:8,
10 ... Live as children of light... And find out what pleases the Lord.
- Gen 6:8 Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.
- Gen 6:9 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.
- Hos 6:6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.
- Matt 22:
37-38 Jesus replied: " Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.
- Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- Gen 2:5-6 ... streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.
- Ps 147:11 The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.
- Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- Gen 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.
- Ps 100:2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- Ps 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.
- James 2:24 You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.
- John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.
- Gen 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the

clean animals
and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.

Heb 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise
- the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Ps 116:17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

Ps 69:30-31 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.
This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hoofs.

Ps 68:3 But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

Gen 9: 1, 3 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Ps 27:33 If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm

Ps 33: 15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

Is 45:9 Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?'

1 Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Ps 103:14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

2 Cor 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Ps 14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

Title: Day 10 The heart of worship

Bible references:

Rom 6:13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

1 John 4: 9-10 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins

1 John 4: 19 We love because he first loved us.

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your reasonable act of worship.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...

Ps 145:9 The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Ps 139:3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Matt 10:30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

1 Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ps 86:5 You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Ps 145:8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Ps 37:7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Matt 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

- Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Mark 14:36 "Abba Father" he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
- Job 22:21 Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.
- Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.
- Josh 5: 13-15 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, Are you for us or for our enemies? Neither, he replied, but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come. Then Joshua fell face down to the ground in reverence, and asked him, What message does my Lord have for his servant? The commander of the LORD's army replied, Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy. And Joshua did so.
- Luke 1:38 I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered. May it be to me as you have said. Then the angel left her.
- James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 2 Cor 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
- Phil 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
- 1 Cor 15:31 I die every day— I mean that, brothers— just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Title: Day 11 Becoming best friends with God

Bible References:

- Ps 5:8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness ... make straight your way before me.
- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death

of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- Ps 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker
- Ps 136:3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures for ever.
- John 13:13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am.
- Jude 1:4 ... Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord
- 1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
- Is 33:22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king;
it is he who will save us.
- Is 47:4 Our Redeemer— the LORD Almighty is his name— is the Holy One of Israel.
- Ps 89:26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Saviour.'
- Ex 33:11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.
- Ex 33:17 And the LORD said to Moses, I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.
- 2 Chron 20:7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it for ever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?
- Is 41:8 But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend
- James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend.
- Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him:
'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'
- Gen 6:8 But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.
- Gen 5:22 ... Enoch walked with God ...
- Job 29:4 Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house

Rom 5:11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

2 Cor 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

1 John 1:3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our **fellowship is with the Father** and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1:9 God, who has called you into **fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ** our Lord, is faithful.

2 Cor 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 3:29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

Ex 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Acts 17: 26-27 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Jer 9:24 but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the LORD.

1 Thess 5:17 pray continually

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all

Ps 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- Ps 143:5 I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.
- Ps 145:5 They will speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- Josh 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
- Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 1 Sam 3:21 The LORD ... revealed himself to Samuel through his word.
- Job 23:12 I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.
- Ps 110:97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
- Ps 77:12 I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.
- Gen 18:17 Then the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?
- Dan 2:19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven
- 1 Cor 2:7-10 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.
- Ps 25:14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Title: Day 12 Developing your friendship with God

Biblical references:

- Prov 3:32 For the LORD detests a perverse man but takes the upright into his confidence.
- James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- Matt 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners."
- Job 42:8
(not 7) My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.
- Ex 33:3 /
15 / 17 (God:) I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people ...
(Moses:) How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?
(God again:) I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.
- Job 7:17-
21 What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention, that you examine him every morning and test him every moment? Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?
If I have sinned, what have I done to you, O watcher of men? Why have you made me your target? Have I become a burden to you? Why do you not pardon my offences and forgive my sins? For I shall soon lie down in the dust; you will search for me, but I shall be no more.
- Ps 83:13 Make them like tumble-weed, O my God, like chaff before the wind.
- Jer 20:7 O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed.
I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me.
- Ruth 1:20 Don't call me Naomi, she told them. Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.
- Ps 142: 2-
3 I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.
When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way.
In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me.
- John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command.
- John 15:
9-11 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- 1 Sam
15:22 Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed

- is better
than the fat of rams.
- Matt 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.
- Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.
- 2 Cor 11:2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy.
*Translation in "The Message":
I care about you so much—this is the passion of God burning inside me!*
- Ps 69:9 Zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
- Ps 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
- Ps 63:3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
- Gen 32:26 Then the man said, Let me go, for it is daybreak. But Jacob replied, I will not let you go unless you bless me.
- Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.
- Rev 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.
- Jer 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- 1 Tim 6:21 guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

Title: Day 13 Worship that pleases God

Biblical references:

- Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe
- John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.
- 1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man

looks at.

Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

- Heb 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise
- the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- Ps 7:17 I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise
to the name of the LORD Most High.
- Ezra 3:11 ... And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD
- Ps 149:3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.
- Ps 150: 3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre
- Neh 8:6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, Amen! Amen! Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
- Matt 6:7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.
- 1 Cor 14:40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.
- 1 Cor 14: 16-17 If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say Amen to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.
- Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.
- Ps 50:14 Sacrifice thank- offerings to God, fulfil your vows to the Most High
- Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- Ps 54:6 I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.
- Phil 4:18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

- Ps 141:2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
- Heb 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
- Mark 12:33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- 2 Sam 24:24 I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.

Title: Day 14 When God seems distant

Biblical references:

- Is 8:17 I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob.
I will put my trust in him.
- 1 Sam 13:14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command.
- Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him:
'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'
- Ps 10:1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- Ps 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?
- Ps 43:2 You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me?
Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?
- Ps 44:23 Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for ever.
- Ps 88:14 Why, O LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?
- Ps 89:49 O Lord, where is your former great love, which in your faithfulness you swore to David?
- Deut 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Ps 37:28 For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.

John 14:16-18 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever-the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said:
Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Is 45:15 Truly you are a God who hides himself, O God and Saviour of Israel.

Job 23:8-10 But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him.
I catch no glimpse of him.
When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south,
But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 Thess 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire

Jer 2:32 Does a maiden forget her jewellery, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred towards God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Job 1:21 Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.

Job 7:11 Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

Job 29:4 Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house

Ps 116:10 I believed; therefore I said, I am greatly afflicted.

Job 10:12 You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.

- Job 42:2 I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.
- Job 37:5 God's voice thunders in marvellous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.
- Job 37:23 The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.
- Job 23:10 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.
- Job 31:4 Does he not see my ways and count my every step?
- Job 34:13 Who appointed him over the earth? Who put him in charge of the whole world?
- Job 23:14 He carries out his decree against me, and many such plans he still has in store.
- Job 19:25 know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
- Job 23:12 of his mouth more than my daily bread.
have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words
- Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.
- 2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.