

## He Takes Pleasure

The other day I was reading Psalm 147:11, "but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love."

Over and over I kept hearing "He takes pleasure" and it continued followed me for several days. So you can imagine my delight (or is it His?), when I walked into a Chik-fil-A and heard any employee say, "my pleasure." Now, I have been to Chik-fil-A many times throughout the years so how is it I never noticed their policy that all their employees respond to the customers with the words "my pleasure?"

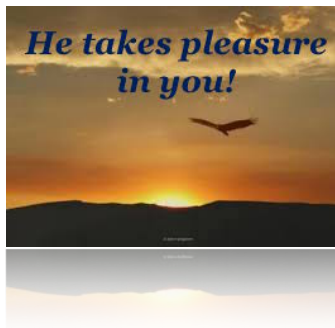
The word "pleasure" is mentioned in the KJV Bible more than 60 times and throughout the New Testament we see GOD is pleased through our faith (Hebrews 11:6). It gives the Lord great pleasure when we move in faith and subject ourselves to His perfect will.

God takes no pleasure in works, physical strength, your level of education, your bank account balance or legal achievements (shall I go on?). He takes pleasure in those whose hearts are fixed on Him.

When you declare what THE Word of God says about your life and refuse to believe the lies of circumstances, He takes pleasure in you. When your broken hearts put your trust in Him, He takes pleasure.

- When you walk in the truth that He will never abandon you ( Hebrews 13:5), He takes pleasure in you.
- When you believe He is your provider and your hope is not money, He is pleased with you.
- When you take Him at His Word, He takes pleasure with you.
- When you receive His mercy- He takes pleasure with you.
- When you believe that you have received forgiveness for your sins, He takes pleasure with you.

Are you seeing this? God has pleasure in those who hope in His love because hope highlights the faith we have in Him.



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