

Delight-Part 1

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I am going to jot down some outline notes regarding the word "delight". Follow along and then I will tie it up in the conclusion. I have no doubt you will get more than you bargained for in studying this word because I already am and it's only been 5 minutes.

Delight definitions:

VERB

**Please (someone) greatly.*

**delight in [no object] Take great pleasure in.*

NOUN

**Great pleasure.*

**A cause or source of great pleasure.*

ORIGIN

**Middle English: from Old French delitier (verb), delit (noun), from Latin delectare to charm frequentative of delicere. The -gh- was added in the 16th century by association with light.*

SYNONYMS

pleasure, joy, happiness, enjoyment, cheer, satisfaction, gratification, please, charm, ecstasy, enrapture, fascinate, rapture, bliss, captivate, contentment, glee, etc. (the list goes on)

Just as any language has many words that denote the same meaning, there are different words in the Hebrew language that have the meaning for "delight". The main root word used in the Old Testament for delight is the word "**chaphets**". It shows in such verses as Numbers 14:8, Isaiah 1:11, Isaiah 58:2, Micah 7:18, and many others.

Chaphets: *(kaw-fates) pleased with, delight in, desire, favor, please, have pleasure, whosoever would, willing, wish (from Strong's Concordance-2654/2655).*

The word I want to discuss is the Hebrew word "**anag**".

Anag: *(aw-nag) to be soft or pliable, luxurious, delicate, delight, pleasant (from Strong's Concordance-6026/6027/6028)*

The main verse I am thinking of which led me to this study is:
Psalm 37:4 - Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Delight here is the word "anag". This word is used eight times in the Old Testament. It is used in Job 22:26, Job 27:10, Psalm 37:4, Psalm 37:11, Isaiah 55:2, Isaiah 58:13, Isaiah 58:14, and Isaiah 66:11.

Since this is a lot of information to soak in, I will conclude this next week by taking you deeper into the word "anag" so we can begin to understand what it really means to delight ourselves in the Lord. In the meantime, let us all think on what it means to be soft or pliable.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day!!!!

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