

THE DESIRES of YOUR HEART

I want to share a comment from the teaching series “Drugs,” this was made on part one:



The youtuber's name is Brett: He said – I'm a back slidden Christian and have been struggling with drugs for some years now. My mum is dying of stomach cancer and I have let her down and made promises I did not keep. I love my mum so much, but sometimes I have loved the drugs more and chosen them over her. I don't want this to be how she sees me for the rest of her dying days. I am feeling so suicidal right now, but I don't want to go to hell. I want to change, I want to serve my Lord and Savior but I know I cannot do it on drugs. I know that there is a demonic presence or presences with me every time I partake of drugs. I sometimes watch your videos and came across this video tonight whilst I am in bed. I felt like you were speaking to me personally. Please can I ask you to pray for me? I know I am a sinner and need God's forgiveness and I need to change. My name is Brett and I live in the UK. Thank you.

I responded back to him and sent this to the prayer team. We began to pray for him and his mother too. He did not come across that sermon by accident. When he said he felt like I was speaking right to him personally, that was The Holy Spirit ministering to him.



@user-eo6wu7hk8p · 6 hours ago

Likely spam

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Praise The Lord he prayed the prayer of salvation to come back to Jesus! I am so thankful for this update. Let's be praying for him and his mom.

Psalm 37:4 - Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

I always took this verse at face value without really pondering it closer. Lately, God has been teaching me the true meaning of this verse and I really did not enjoy learning the truth of this passage. So now I'm going to teach you what He taught me. Lol

DELIGHT in THE LORD

The first part of that passage tells us to delight in The Lord. The meaning here is, that we should seek our happiness in God, His friendship and His love. We should love all of Who He is, we should not think it is grievous to serve Him obediently

keeping His Word but we should be happy to do so. King David loved The Word of God and delighted in keeping it. **(Psalm 119)** That is why the Bible says he was a man after God's own heart. **(1 Sam.13:14, Acts 13:22)** We should love God's Word too and do our best to keep it with the help of The Holy Spirit. I know personally, if I miss a day or two of reading His Word, it bothers me, I feel bad. Reading God's Word is the easiest way to hear Him speak to you and He longs to commune with us daily. The Bible tells us to meditate on His Word day and night. **(Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2)**

It is the same with prayer. I talk to God every day, even on crazy busy days or when the unexpected happens, I still talk to God. But sometimes we can't spend much time in prayer because we are putting out fires etc. If I have too many of those type of days in a row where I'm not getting to spend more time in prayer with God, it bothers me. If you have The Holy Spirit inside of you and you begin to spend less time in prayer and less time in God's Word, it should bother you. Jesus is to be our all in all. **(1 Cor.15:8)** He's everything to us and we should feel bad if we are not getting our time in with Him.

If you don't enjoy spending time with God in prayer, in His Word and praising and worshipping Him, and living a righteous life, then you are not delighting in Him. He certainly isn't going to give you your hearts desires if that is the state of your heart toward Him.

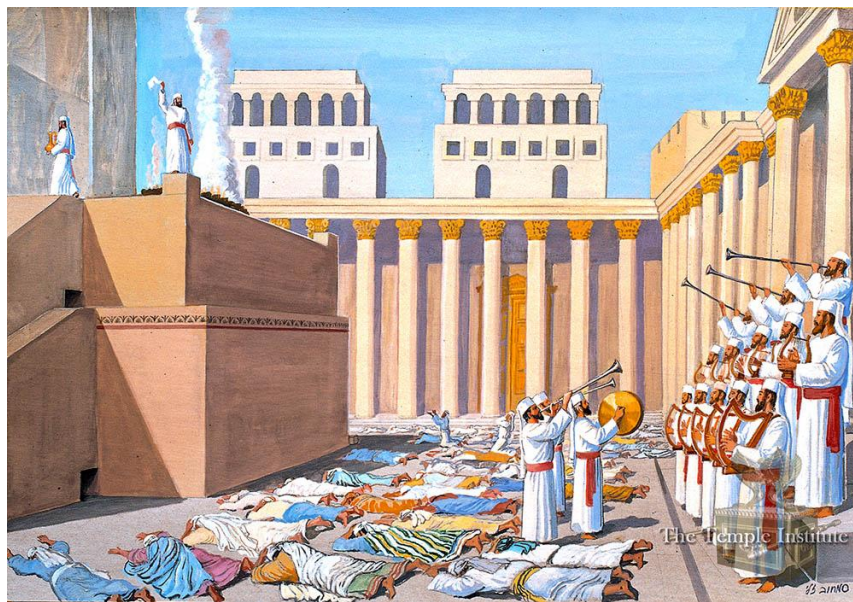
Nehemiah 8:10 – Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

This was a feast of The Lord's, a joyous time. The verse ends by saying the joy of the Lord is our strength. The sense of meaning here is that when the Israelites delighted in God, and had joy in serving Him in obedience, He strengthened them and protected them. When they delighted in His laws and His statutes, in obedience to Him, then He was their strength because He fought for them in battles, He protected them in battles and He delivered them from their enemies. King David is a great example of this.

Our joy in The Lord today is through Jesus. He has given us power and authority over our enemies, remember our enemies are not made of flesh and blood, but

we are fighting spiritual enemies. **(Eph.6:12)** satan and his kingdom are under our feet! God directs His angels in helping to watch over us in this life. When we come to God through Jesus, and surrender our lives, God protects us, and He blesses our lives. God meets our needs when we keep His Word. He is our joy and when you understand that, you will delight in Him!

There is great joy connected with delighting in The Lord and in Him we find contentment. If you delight in Him you will seek His presence, you will want to spend time with Him. Do you sing to The Lord every day? You should if you truly delight in Him.



The Word of God says He inhabits the praises of Israel. **(Psalm 22:3)** That is because God's Ark of The Covenant and the mercy seat, where His presence rested, was in the Temple. When the Levite singers would sing praise and worship, they were singing to God Who was right in The Temple itself. Here they are singing at the time of sacrifice, they are blowing trumpets and using their instruments and singing to The Lord and the rest are laying prostrate in worship of God. When was the last time you laid prostrate before Him?

He inhabits our praises today because He is still dwelling in His Temple, His Temple on earth today, is each true Christian. We are temples and God Himself lives on the inside of us. He inhabits our praises through The Holy Spirit when we sing and worship Him. And when we sing corporately in the churches. This is all part of delighting in Him and you should be singing to Him every single day.

Matt.22:37-38 - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

This has always been commanded of God's people. In The Old Testament and now we see Jesus saying it in the New Testament. God is always to be first place in the hearts of His children. We are to love Him with all of our heart, all of our soul, the soul is our mind (thinking), our emotions (feelings) and our will (choosing / our decisions). When we do this we are delighting in Him.

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Many times in Scripture the word desire means our petitions or requests.

Let's look at some commentaries:

Pulpit Commentary

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Now this is what I used to think. He's gonna give me everything I desire and make me happy. That is how this verse is taught and quoted here in America. That simply is not true.

Matthew Poole's Commentary

Delight thyself in the Lord; in his favour and service, and in the study of his word and promises.

The desires of thine heart, i.e. thy just desires, or whatsoever is truly desirable and good for thee; which limitation is necessarily to be understood, both from divers places of Scripture, and from the nature of the things; for it is unreasonable to imagine that God would engage himself to grant their sinful and inordinate desires, and it would also be a curse to them to have them granted.

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We have to realize that God is not going to give us sinful things, He is not going to give us something that will cause our downfall, or draw us away from Him. He is not going to give us something that is not in His will for our lives.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary

4. desires—(Ps 20:5; 21:2), what is lawful and right, really good (Ps 84:11).

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary: Desires – what is lawful and right, really good. Now we are getting a better idea of what kind of desires God is promising us.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

37:1-6 When we look abroad we see the world full of evil-doers, that flourish and live in ease. So it was seen of old, therefore let us not marvel at the matter. We are tempted to fret at this, to think them the only happy people, and so we are prone to do like them: but this we are warned against. Outward prosperity is fading. When we look forward, with an eye of faith, we shall see no reason to envy the wicked. Their weeping and wailing will be everlasting. The life of religion is a believing trust in the Lord, and diligent care to serve him according to his will. It is not trusting God, but tempting him, if we do not make conscience of our duty to him. A man's life consists not in abundance, but, Thou shalt have food convenient for thee. This is more than we deserve, and it is enough for one that is going to heaven. To delight in God is as much a privilege as a duty. He has not promised to gratify the appetites of the body, and the humours of the fancy, but the desires of the renewed, sanctified soul. What is the desire of the heart of a good man? It is this, to know, and love, and serve God. Commit thy way unto the Lord; roll thy way upon the Lord, so the margin reads it. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, the burden of thy care. We must roll it off ourselves, not afflict and perplex ourselves with thoughts about future events, but refer them to God. By prayer spread thy case and all thy cares before the Lord, and trust in him. We must do our duty, and then leave the event with God. The promise is very sweet: He shall bring that to pass, whatever it is, which thou has committed to him.

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I can't tell you how often I have prayed to have a deeper, closer walk with God. There are many things I ask along these lines and I pray in the same way for all of you too. To grow and mature in the faith.

These are the kind of desires God will fulfill. They align with His will for each one of us.

Psalms 27:4 - One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

King David wanted to be in the presence of God all the time. He wanted more of God.

1 Cor. 14:1 - Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Charity is a Mandela Effect, it used to say love. But what I want you to see is we are told to desire spiritual gifts and more importantly to prophecy which here is meant to speak God's Word. God has spiritual gifts for each one of us and we are to desire them.

Regarding God giving us the desires of our hearts, the so called theologians like to teach it like this: they say that our hearts come in line with God's will for our lives and so He gives us what we want because it was His will all along for us. When I was asleep about satan's ministers on tv fronting as angels of light, I used to believe that. There is truth there but I also know that sometimes we want things that are just not in God's plan for our lives. We don't just sync up with Him 100%. In the beginning of your Christian life you will be asking God for all sorts of things. God is not going to give you something unrighteous. As you grow in the faith you

will realize some things you wanted were way out of line and would not have been good for you anyway.

Prov.19:21 - *There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*

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You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.

God provides your needs, not necessarily your wants. **(Matt.6:33)** If your wants don't interfere with His plan for your life, He may give it to you.

One lady shared to me that she always wanted more children and didn't understand why God didn't give them to her. A man also shared that he wanted children and he believes it is too late for that now. I wanted more children too but things did not work out that way. I have always wanted Scott to be able to be full time ministry with me but so far God has not enabled that to happen.

God's plan is what will prevail.

Psalms 37:23-24 - *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with His hand.*

The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the LORD. I think that good man stuff is a Mandela Effect.

Romans 8:28 – *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.*

We are here to bring God glory, to work for His Kingdom, to do His will. God's plans are what will be fulfilled in your life.

God does not just give you everything you ask for. For some reason we think like that in America but that isn't what God does. He would be a bad parent if that is what He did. He does not work on our timetable either. We only see a small piece of the picture but God sees the whole picture. He was there at the beginning of your life, He formed you in your mother's womb, and He knows the end of your life. He already knows how everything is going to go. We have to be

patient and wait on Him and know that His timing is always the right time. **(Isaiah 40:31)**

Our lives and the requests that God grants us, are about fulfilling His will and bringing Him glory, not about pleasing our selfish desires. **(Romans 8:28)**

The Bible tells us that God will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him. **(Psalm 145, Prov.10:24)** We are to desire wisdom **(Prov.8:11)** and God's Word **(Psalm 19:9-10, 1 Peter 2:2)**. We are to desire more of God, more understanding, more knowledge, more of His Spirit, more of His anointing when we desire these things, He will certainly give them to us.

CLOSING

God pours out His mercy and blessings in our lives and we should be grateful and happy about that. We should not be bratty children acting like we are entitled to everything and if we don't get it then we get mad and throw a tantrum. He doesn't give us everything we ask for. The Bible says that many times we don't get what we want because we ask amiss.

James 4:3 - Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

[New Living Translation](#)

And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

The things God doesn't give you, He will comfort, strengthen and see you through. I think a lot of people skip the first part of that verse and just focus on getting what they want. That is not a person after God's own heart and they are not going to see their heart's desires realized, not by God's hand anyway. Focus on the first part, delight in The Lord, and everything else will fall into place.

PRAYER