

WHAT MAKES GOD SMILE?

Reconnecting With God
Part 2

"You (God) created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!" Revelation 4:11b

"The Lord takes pleasure in His people." Psalms 149:4

WORSHIP: Living a life _____

"Because of God's great mercy... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer." Romans 12:1

"Noah was a pleasure to the Lord." Genesis 6:8

WE GIVE GOD PLEASURE...

1. WHEN WE _____

"I don't want your sacrifices-- I want your love! I don't want your offerings--I want you to know me!" Hosea 6:6

"Noah consistently followed God's will and enjoyed a close relationship with him." Genesis 6:9b

"God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure" Ephesians 1:5

2. WHEN WE _____

"The Lord takes pleasure in those who honor him and trust in his constant love." Psalms 147:11

"By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told... His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, Noah became intimate with God." Hebrew 11:7

God: "I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory." Psalms 50:14

3. WHEN WE _____

"We please God by what we do and not only by what we believe." James 2:24

"Noah obeyed and built a boat..." Hebrews 11:7b

"Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him." Gen. 6:22

"Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey." Psalms 119:33

"Those who live by their natural inclinations can never be pleasing to God." Romans 8:8

4. WHEN WE _____

"Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth!" Genesis 9:1

"The steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives." Psalms 37:23

"God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship -a different kind of "sacrifice"—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets." Hebrews 13:16b

"This is the crisis we're in: God's light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness...because they were not really interested in pleasing God." John 3:19

"The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who are wise, who want to please God." Psalms 14:2

"Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God." 2 Peter 1:3

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CONNECTING WITH GOD IN A CRISIS

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