# A Heart that Pleases God March 18, 2012

## If the Lord is Pleased with Us

Num 15:5-9

Ex 33:12-17

1 John 3:22-23

# Things that Don't Please God

- Lying, hatred, greed, selfishness, impurity.
- One who creates dissension in the family of God (Pr 6:19)
- ↑ The death of the wicked (Eze 18:23)
- Sacrifices without a repentant heart (Mal 1)
- Sacrifices in general (Heb 10:6)
- \* Robbing God of tithes and offerings (Mal 3:8)
- Breaking the covenant of marriage (Mal 2:14)

#### John 5:36

36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish – the very works that I do – bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

#### Luke 22:41-42

<sup>41</sup> And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

#### Phil 2:8

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

#### Heb 12:2

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Ps 147:11

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

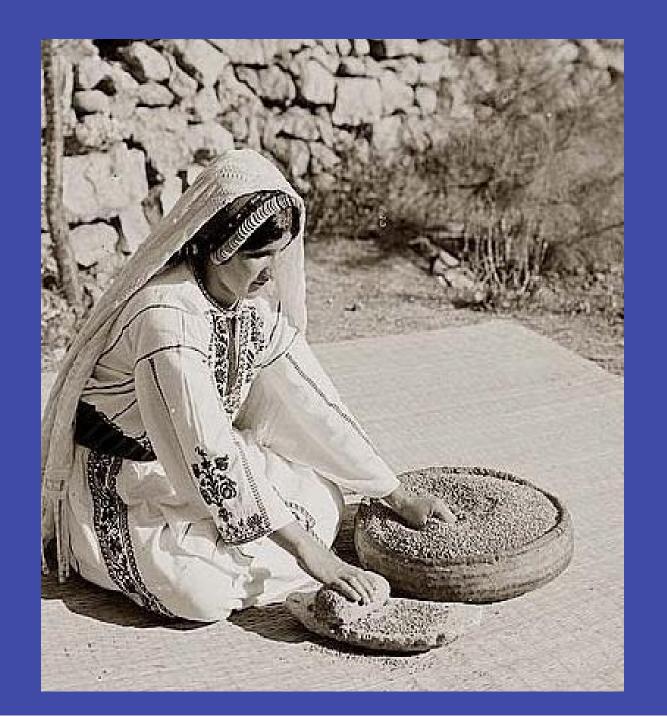
### 2 Cor 5:9-10

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

### Ps 34:18

18 The Lord *is* near to those who have a broken heart,

And saves such as have a contrite spirit.



### Grow in the Faith

Col 1:9-14

Be filled with knowledge, be fruitful in every good work, increase in knowledge, be longsuffering...

### Please God in the Practical Stuff

- Live to please God and not men 1 Ths 2:4-9
- Husbands, love your wives: Col 3:19
- Wives, submit to and respect your husbands:
   Col 3:18, Eph 5:33
- Children, obey your parents: Col 3:20
- Fathers, don't embitter your children: Col
   3:21
- Work hard and be a good employee, working unto the Lord: Col 3:22-24

# Ask of God Big Things

Ex 33:18-23

### We don't do this on our own

Heb 13:20-21

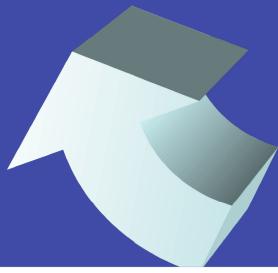
Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, <sup>21</sup> make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# The Upward Spiral



Living a Life Pleasing to the Lord

Being Taught the Ways of the Lord



Repentance and Drawing Close

