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**HAPPY !**

# God is happy – in himself

## **1 Tim 6:15**

- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

## **Matt 25:23**

- ‘His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

# God is happy – in himself

## **Is 48:11**

- For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this.  
How can I let myself be defamed?  
I will not yield my glory to another.

## **Is 43:8**

- ‘I am the Lord; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.

# God is happy – in his Son

## **Matt 3:17**

- And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’

## **Is 42:1**

- ‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;

# God is happy in his works

## **Dan 4:35**

- He does as he pleases  
with the powers of heaven  
and the peoples of the earth.  
No one can hold back his hand  
or say to him: 'What have you done?'

# God is happy in his works

## **Is 46:10**

- I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, “My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

## **Is 43:13**

- Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?’

# He sees the whole

## **Is 53:10**

- Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.  
<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

# He sees the whole

## **Ro 3:25,26**

- God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished <sup>26</sup> – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## **Heb 12:2**

- And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

# He delights in doing good

## **Jer 9:23-24**

- This is what the Lord says:

‘Let not the wise boast of their wisdom  
or the strong boast of their strength  
or the rich boast of their riches,

<sup>24</sup> but let the one who boasts boast about this:  
that they have the understanding to know me,

that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,  
justice and righteousness on earth,  
for in these I delight,’  
declares the Lord

# He delights in doing good

## **Jer 32:40-41**

- I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.  
<sup>41</sup> I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.

# He delights in his people

## **Ps 147:10,11**

- His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;  
<sup>11</sup> the Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

# He delights in his people

## **Ps 149:4**

- For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.  
<sup>5</sup> Let his faithful people rejoice in this honour and sing for joy on their beds.

## **Prov 11:20**

- The Lord detests those whose hearts are perverse, but he delights in those whose ways are blameless

# He delights in his new creation

## **Is 65:17-19**

- See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.  
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.  
  
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more

# So, enjoy God!

## **Ps 37:4**

- Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart

## **Ps 1**

- Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night