

Episode 013

Prophetic Lifestyle: Delighting in God

Introduction

Delighting in God

Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself in the Lord...”

One of the key characteristics of prophetic lifestyle is to be captivated with who God is. As we delight in Him, something transpires. He changes us, He transforms us, we get inspired by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Starts with knowing that:

A. God delights in His children.

God favour us. Deuteronomy 30:9 (NIV) Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers,

God takes joy in us. Psalm 149:4 (NIV) For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

A prophetic person who knows and experiences God’s delight in oneself will learn to see preciousness in others and ministers the Father’s heart. There is an overflow of God’s love unto others. God also delights in His spiritual family; house of God. We, who are disciples of Christ are members of God’s household.

Do we reflect that similar love for God’s family? If we do, let’s reflect that by being planted in His house and serving the Lord in His house depict your appreciation towards God’s delight in matters of His household.



B. Various aspects of delighting in God

Are we interested in God himself, His nature and character? Are we delighting in knowing God with increasing levels of intimacy that lifts us above all reason and into that heart posture of adoration and praise and worship. David was a man who understood this. He was a man after God's own heart.

Ask God to increase in us hunger and passion for Him. Delighting in God helps fuel up your passion for God and His purposes. To know God is the one passion that drives a man into the very heart of God. Passion of the heart for God results in us delving into deeper things of God. We will not be satisfied with a superficial relationship with Jesus. Let's cultivate greater delight for God. Let's remain captivated by God Himself.

Seven Aspects of delighting in God:

1. Delighting in God's Name

Nehemiah 1:11 (NIV) "O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

Isaiah 11:3 (NIV) and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;



2. Delighting in God's character

The awesome presence of God. His goodness and the beauty of His values.

Jeremiah 9:24 (NIV) but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Micah 7:18 (NIV) Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV) The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

3. Delighting in God's salvation

Psalms 35:9 (NIV) Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in his salvation.

Isaiah 61:10 (NIV) I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Delight in God's heart for people, His work of reconciling mankind back to Himself. Convey God's message of reconciliation to others with integrity.

Psalms 111:2 (NIV) Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.



4. Delighting in His Word (Law, decrees, commands)

God has revealed Himself to us through the Word of God. When you delight in God's Word, you learn more about Him. You learn to take delight in what interests Him; His ways that are true and just, gracious and eternal.

Psalm 1:2 (NIV) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

5. Delighting in God's heavenly assignment

Delight in God's heart for His church. His heart and love for the house. Delight in God's bigness of heart for the Great Commission, that this may also become your heartbeat.

Matthew 12:18 (NIV) Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

6. Delighting in following after the footsteps of Jesus

Christian life is not a bed of roses.

2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV) That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Prophetic person would pray for those going through persecution for their faith in Christ. Resonate with God's heart for these ones.





7. Delighting in God's vindication

As you go through trials and challenges, don't forget that our God is faithful.

Psalm 35:27 (NIV) May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant."

1 Samuel 2:1 (NIV) Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. Reflect on what it means to be delighted in God, to be captivated by Him in your heart. Share what draws you close to God.
2. Out of the many various aspects of delighting in God, what are 2 areas that you believe you need to grow more in? What are 1 or 2 small steps you would need to take to increase in your delight for the Lord.





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