

# WHAT DOES GOD DELIGHT IN DAVID?

*Text: 1 Samuel 13:14*

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Merriam-webster's 11<sup>th</sup> collegiate dictionary delight.

- a. A high degree of gratification: Joy; also, extreme satisfaction
- b. Something that gives great pleasure.

## **GOD WAS DELIGHTED IN DAVID BECAUSE?**

1. **David had a repentant heart.** 2 Sam 12:13, 24:10. David's heart smote him for I have done very foolishly....
2. **David had a reverent heart.**  
Although David was a king, he maintained a heart that feared the Lord, he did not say no to God even as a king. Ps 122:1, 84:10
3. **God delighted in David's grateful heart.**  
David mention five blessings he received from God.
  - a. **The grace of forgiveness** "He forgives all your sin". The first thing David recalled was how the Lord forgives him all his sins. Ps 40:12
  - b. **The grace of healing** "He heals all of our diseases. David, said "Praise the Lord who heals all your diseases.
  - c. **The grace of salvation** 1 Sam 21:30 records how Saul pursued David for ten long years and attempted to kill him. But the Lord delivered David from Saul's hand. No wonder David said, "He redeems my life from the pit"
  - d. **The grace of contentment.** He satisfies your desires with good things. David wrote in Ps 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want". Having the Lord, he no longer wanted more, for his heart had found contentment. David had a grateful heart. The more David counted his blessings, the more he felt satisfied and the more content he was, the more the Lord delighted in him.
4. **God delighted in David because of his heart of devotion towards HIM.**

- a. **David remembered the Ark of the Lord.** The Ark of the Lord is found in the Holy of Holies. It was a symbol of God's presence with man. I Samuel records how Samuel had led Israel for twenty years, there was no ark because it had been captured by the Philistines, although it was brought back, it was not placed at the tabernacle in Shiloh for 20 years the tabernacle was without the ark. Saul had been the king for 40 years, he never thought of bringing back the ark. Only David, after unifying the nation (almost after 67 years) brought up the subject of bringing back the ark to Jerusalem.
- b. **David wanted to build God a temple.** When the king was settled in his own palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 Samuel 7:1-2
- c. **David was not willing to offer a sacrifice that cost him nothing.** 2 Samuel 24 records of David committing a great sin. He instructed his men to take a census. There is nothing wrong with taking a census what is important is the motive behind the census David took the census because of pride. He wanted to know how powerful his nation was, as a result, the Lord rebuked him. II Sam 24:10-24.

## **CONCLUSION**

God delighted in David because he had a repentant heart, a reverent heart a grateful heart and a devoted heart. How about our hearts. Phil 4:8

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