

~DELIGHT (764)

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- Shechem took **delight** in Jacob's daughter Dinah and so performed Jacob's condition of marriage to her.
- And the young man did not delay to perform the condition, because he did find **delight** in Jacob's daughter and he was the most honorable of the whole house of his father. (**Genesis 34:19**)
- Joshua and Caleb showed, that if Yehowah God had taken **delight** in his people, that he would give them the Promised Land despite its powerful inhabitants.
- If Yehowah has found **delight** in us, then he will certainly bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that is flowing with milk and honey. (**Numbers 14:8**)
- If a man found no **delight** in a concubine he took as a wife after marrying her, then he could send her away agreeably to her soul, but could not sell her, for he had humiliated her.
- And it must occur that if you have found no **delight** in her, you must then send her away, agreeably to her own soul, but you must by no means sell her for money. You must not deal tyrannically with her after you have humiliated her. (**Deuteronomy 21:14**)
- If an Israelite took no **delight** in performing brother-in-law marriage to raise up offspring for his brother, then the woman was to bring this matter to the attention of the older men at the gate of the city, for it was a reproach upon the man publicly.
- Now if the man finds no **delight** in taking his brother's widow, his brother's widow must then go up to the gate to the older men and say; My husband's brother has refused to preserve his brother's name in Israel. He has not consented to perform brother-in-law marriage with me. (**Deuteronomy 25:7**)
- And the older men of his city must call him and speak to him, and he must stand and say; I have found no **delight** in taking her.

(Deuteronomy 25:8)

- Boaz was agreeable to repurchasing Ruth, because he found **delight** in her, for she was a fine woman who loved his people.
- Lodge here tonight, and it must occur in the morning that if he will repurchase you, fine! Let him do the repurchasing. But if he does not take **delight** in repurchasing you, I will then repurchase you, I myself, as sure as Yehowah lives. Keep lying down until the morning. (**Ruth 3:13**)
- Samuel showed, that Yehowah God takes more **delight** in obedience, than in any form of sacrifice.
- In turn Samuel said; Does Yehowah have as much **delight** in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Yehowah? Look! To obey is better than a sacrifice, to pay attention than the fat of rams. (**1 Samuel 15:22**)
- Saul told his servants to tell David that he had taken **delight** in him, and wanted him to marry his daughter, Michal. Thus he schemed against David through the marriage price he demanded David make to him.
- Further, Saul commanded his servants; Speak to David secretly, saying; Look! The king has found **delight** in you, and all his servants themselves have fallen in love with you. So now form a marriage alliance with the king. (**1 Samuel 18:22**)
- At that Saul said; This is what you men will say to David; The king has **delight**, not in marriage money, but in a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to avenge himself on the enemies of the king. But as for Saul, he had schemed to have David fall by the hand of the Philistines. (**1 Samuel 18:25**)
- One of Joab's men said, that if men had taken **delight** in Joab and in David, then they should follow Joab.
- And a certain one of Joab's young men stood over him and kept saying; Whoever has found **delight** in Joab and whoever belongs to David, let him follow Joab! (**2 Samuel 20:11**)
- David showed, that Yehowah God found **delight** in him, giving him a roomy place free from enemies.

- And he proceeded to bring me out into a roomy place. He was rescuing me, because he had found **delight** in me. (2 Samuel 22:20)
- David marveled at the covenant Yehowah God had made with his household, which granted to him all his **delights**.
- For is not my household like that with God? Because it is an indefinitely lasting covenant that he has assigned to me, nicely put in order in everything and secured. Because it is all my salvation and all my **delight**, is that not why he will make it grow? (2 Samuel 23:5)
- Hiram told Solomon that he would do all his **delight** in providing lumber for the building of the temple in Jerusalem, if Solomon would perform his **delight** in providing food for his workers.
- Accordingly Hiram sent to Solomon, saying; I have heard what you sent to me. For my part, I shall do all your **delight** in the matter of timbers of cedar trees and timbers of juniper trees. (1 Kings 5:8)
- My servants themselves will bring them down out of Lebanon to the sea, and I, for my part, shall put them in log rafts to go by sea clear to the place that you will send me notice of, and I shall certainly have them broken up there, and you, for your part, will carry them, and you, for your part, will do my **delight** by giving the food for my household. (1 Kings 5:9)
- So Hiram became a giver of timbers of cedar trees and timbers of juniper trees to Solomon according to all his **delight**. (1 Kings 5:10)
- May Yehowah your God come to be blessed, who has taken **delight** in you by putting you upon the throne of Israel, because Yehowah loves Israel to time indefinite, so that he appointed you as king to render judicial decision and righteousness. (1 Kings 10:9)
- King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all her **delight** out of a generous hand.
- And King Solomon himself gave the queen of Sheba all her

- delight** for which she asked, apart from what he gave her according to the openhandedness of King Solomon. After that she turned about and went to her own land, she together with her servants. (1 Kings 10:13)
- May Yehowah your God come to be blessed, who has taken **delight** in you by putting you upon his throne as king for Yehowah your God, because your God loved Israel, to make it stand to time indefinite, so that he put you over them as king to execute judicial decision and righteousness. (2 Chronicles 9:8)
 - And King Solomon himself gave the queen of Sheba all her **delight** for which she had asked, besides the value of what she brought to the king. So she turned about and went to her own land, she together with her servants. (2 Chronicles 9:12)
 - Nehemiah asked Yehowah God to hear the prayers of his people, who took **delight** in fearing his name and doing his will.
 - Ah, Yehowah, please, let your ear become attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take **delight** in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king. (Nehemiah 1:11)
 - Esther was one whom the king of Persia came to take a **delight** in.
 - In the evening she herself came in, and in the morning she herself returned to the second house of the women in charge of Shaashgaz the king's eunuch, the guardian of the concubines. She would not come in anymore to the king unless the king had taken **delight** in her and she had been called by name. (Esther 2:14)
 - Haman was asked what should be done to the man in whom the king had taken **delight**, he wrongly thinking that the king meant him, when he was actually referring to his enemy Mordecai.
 - When Haman came in, the king proceeded to say to him; What is to be done to the man in whose honor the king himself has taken a **delight**? At this Haman said in his heart; To whom would the king take delight in rendering an honor more than me? (Esther

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- So Haman said to the king; As for the man in whose honor the king himself has taken a **delight**. (**Esther 6:7**)
- And let there be a putting of the apparel and the horse into the charge of one of the kings noble princes, and they must clothe the man in whose honor the king himself has taken a **delight**, and they must make him ride on the horse in the public square of the city, and they must call out before him; This is how it is done to the man in whose honor the king himself has taken a delight. (**Esther 6:9**)
- And Haman proceeded to take the apparel and the horse and clothe Mordecai and make him ride in the public square of the city and call out before him; This is how it is done to the man in whose honor the king himself has taken a **delight**. (**Esther 6:11**)
- Job showed that a man who would find his **delight** in contending with Yehowah God would be right no more than once in a thousand times.
- If he should find **delight** in contending with him, he cannot answer him once out of a thousand. (**Job 9:3**)
- Job himself took **delight** in arguing his case before his God.
- However, I, for my part, would speak to the Almighty himself, and in arguing with God I would find **delight**. (**Job 13:3**)
- Wicked ones ask God to turn away from them, and in the knowledge of his ways they take no **delight**.
- And they say to the true God; Turn away from us! And in the knowledge of your ways we have found no **delight**. (**Job 21:14**)
- Job showed that the wicked ones will find no **delight** for their lives will be cut short.
- For what will his **delight** be in his house after him, when the number of his months will really be cut in two? (**Job 21:21**)
- Job's companions insinuated that Yehowah God has no **delight** that his people are righteous.

- Does the Almighty have any **delight** in that you are righteous, or any gain in that you make your way blameless? (**Job 22:3**)
- Job showed that he would find exquisite delight in his God.
- For then in the Almighty you will find your exquisite **delight**, and you will raise your face to God himself. (**Job 22:26**)
- Or in the Almighty will he find exquisite **delight**? Will he call to God at all times? (**Job 27:10**)
- Job knew it would be unrighteous to hold back the **delight** of the lowly ones.
- If I used to hold back the lowly ones from their **delight**, and the eyes of the widow I would cause to fail. (**Job 31:16**)
- Elihu took **delight** in the righteousness of Job.
- If there are any words to say make reply to me, speak, for I have taken **delight** in your righteousness. (**Job 33:32**)
- The Psalmist **delighted** in the Law of Yehowah, and read in it in an undertone day and night.
- But his **delight** is in the Law of Yehowah, and in his Law he reads in an undertone day and night. (**Psalms 1:2**)
- Yehowah takes no **delight** in wickedness, and no one bad may reside for any time with him.
- For you are not a God taking **delight** in wickedness, no one bad may reside for any time with you. (**Psalms 5:4**)
- The Psalmist showed that the holy ones of Yehowah God were his **delight**.
- But to the holy ones that are in the earth. They, even the majestic ones, are the ones in whom is all my **delight**. (**Psalms 16:3**)
- The Psalmist showed, that Yehowah God had brought him out into a roomy place, because he had found **delight** in him.

- And he proceeded to bring me out into a roomy place, he was rescuing me, because he had found **delight** in me. (**Psalms 18:19**)
- The Psalmist prophesied, that men would tell the Messiah to look to Yehowah God in whom he had taken **delight**. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus Christ on the day of his death.
- He committed himself to Yehowah. Let Him provide him with escape! Let him deliver him, since he has taken **delight** in him! (**Psalms 22:8**)
- The Messiah says prophetically that those taking **delight** in his righteousness should cry out joyfully, and magnify the God who takes **delight** in his servant, the Messiah.
- Let those cry out joyfully and rejoice who are **delighting** in my righteousness, and let them say constantly; Let Yehowah be magnified, who takes delight in the peace of his servant. (**Psalms 35:27**)
- The Psalmist advises men to take exquisite **delight** in Yehowah God, and he will give them the requests of their hearts.
- Also take exquisite **delight** in Yehowah, and he will give you the requests of your heart. (**Psalms 37:4**)
- The meek ones of the earth will find their exquisite **delight** in the abundance of peace, after Yehowah God destroys all the wicked ones of the earth.
- But the meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite **delight** in the abundance of peace. (**Psalms 37:11**)
- Yehowah disciplines his people making their steps ready, for this is his **delight**.
- By Yehowah the very steps of an able-bodied man have been made ready, and in his way He takes **delight**. (**Psalms 37:23**)
- The Psalmist showed, that sacrifice and gift offering did not **delight** Yehowah God, rather in the hearing of his will by his obedient servants.

- Sacrifice and offering you did not **delight** in, these ears of mine you opened up. Burnt offering and sin offering you did not ask for. (**Psalms 40:6**)
- The Psalmist knew he had found **delight** in God's eyes, for his enemy was not allowed to exult over him.
- By this I do know that you have found **delight** in me, because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me. (**Psalms 41:11**)
- Yehowah God takes **delight** in truthfulness, and also in that his servants love sheer wisdom.
- Look! You have taken **delight** in truthfulness itself in the inward parts, and in the secret self may you cause me to know sheer wisdom. (**Psalms 51:6**)
- The Messiah prophetically states, that Yehowah God did not take **delight** in sacrifice, otherwise he would have offered it.
- For you do not take **delight** in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it, in whole burnt offering you do not find pleasure. (**Psalms 51:16**)
- Yehowah God has scattered the peoples who take **delight** in fights.
- Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, the assembly of bulls, with the calves of the peoples, each one stamping down on pieces of silver. He has scattered the peoples that take **delight** in fights. (**Psalms 68:30**)
- The Psalmist asks that those taking **delight** in his calamity may become abashed and ashamed.
- May those be ashamed and abashed who are seeking my soul. May those turn back and be humiliated who are taking **delight** in my calamity. (**Psalms 70:2**)
- The Psalmist showed that his only **delight** was Yehowah his God.
- Whom do I have in the heavens? And besides you I do have no other **delight** on the earth. (**Psalms 73:25**)

- Yehowah God leads his obedient people to the haven of their **delights**.
- And they rejoice because these become still, and he leads them to the haven of their **delight**. (**Psalms 107:30**)
- The wicked ones keep loving the malediction, and so that is what they reap, because they did not **delight** to love the blessing, so that they lost it.
- And he kept loving the malediction, so that it came upon him, and he did not take **delight** in the blessing, so that it became far away from him. (**Psalms 109:17**)
- The man who takes **delight** in Yehowah God's commandments will be pronounced happy.
- Praise Yah, you people! Happy is the man in fear of Yehowah, in whose commandments he has taken very much **delight**. (**Psalms 112:1**)
- The Psalmist asked Yehowah God to cause him to tread in his pathways, for in this he had taken **delight**.
- Cause me to tread in the pathway of your commandments, for in it I have taken **delight**. (**Psalms 119:35**)
- Yehowah finds **delight** not in the strength of man nor beast, but in spiritual things.
- Not in the mightiness of the horse does he take **delight**, nor in the legs of the man does he find pleasure. (**Psalms 147:10**)
- The stupid one finds no **delight** in discernment.
- Anyone stupid finds no **delight** in discernment, except that his heart should uncover itself. (**Proverbs 18:2**)
- An industrious wife seeks out wool and linen, and works hard at the **delight** of her hands, making clothing for her offspring and things for her household.
- She has sought wool and linen, and she works at whatever is the **delight** of her hands. (**Proverbs 31:13**)

- Mankind should pay all their vows to their God, for Yehowah God takes no **delight** in the stupid ones, who quickly forget what they have vowed or promised to him.
- Whenever you vow a vow to God, do not hesitate to pay it, for there is no **delight** in the stupid ones. What you vow, pay. (**Ecclesiastes 5:4**)
- The congregator encourages young men to serve their creator before the days come, when they find little **delight** in living, due to old age.
- Remember, now, your Grand Creator in the days of your young manhood, before the calamitous days proceed to come, or the years have arrived when you will say; I have no **delight** in them. (**Ecclesiastes 12:1**)
- Yehowah asks what benefit he gets from a multitude of sacrifices, implying that obedience is preferable, for he takes no **delight** in offerings of animals.
- Of what benefit to me is the multitude of your sacrifices, says Yehowah? I have had enough of whole burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed animals, and in the blood of young bulls and male lambs and he-goats I have taken no **delight**. (**Isaiah 1:11**)
- Yehowah brought up against Babylon the Medes who took no **delight** in gold and silver.
- Here I am arousing against them the Medes, who account silver itself as nothing and who, as respects gold, take no **delight** in it. (**Isaiah 13:17**)
- Yehowah showed that Babylon would become deserted, and lonely solitary dwelling animals would take possession of her palaces of **delight**.
- And jackals must howl in her dwelling towers, and the big snake will be in the palaces of exquisite **delight**. And the season for her is near to come, and her days themselves will not be postponed. (**Isaiah 13:22**)

- Yehowah himself takes **delight** to magnify the Law among his people, for the Law is good leading men to life.
- Yehowah himself for the sake of his righteousness has taken a **delight** in that he should magnify the Law and make it majestic. ([Isaiah 42:21](#))
- Yehowah carried out all his **delight** through his servant Cyrus, regarding the rebuilding of his temple in Jerusalem after their exile in Babylon.
- The One saying of Cyrus: He is my shepherd, and all that I **delight** in he will completely carry out. Even in my saying of Jerusalem: She will be rebuilt. And of the temple: You will have your foundation laid. ([Isaiah 44:28](#))
- Yehowah tells prophetically all that is going to happen, and all that he **delights** to do, he will accomplish.
- The One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done, the One saying; My own counsel will stand, and everything that is my **delight** I shall do. ([Isaiah 46:10](#))
- Yehowah God promised to do to Babylon all that he **delighted** to do to her, and he did just so.
- Be collected together, all you people, and hear. Who among them has told these things? Yehowah himself has loved him. He will do what is his **delight** upon Babylon, and his own arm will be upon the Chaldeans. ([Isaiah 48:14](#))
- Yehowah God took **delight** in crushing his Messianic servant, setting his soul as a guilt offering for all mankind.
- But Yehowah himself took **delight** in crushing him, he made him sick. If you will set his soul as a guilt offering, he will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and in his hand what is the delight of Yehowah will succeed. ([Isaiah 53:10](#))
- Isaiah calls for men to stop going to false religious sources for spiritual feeding, but to take their **delight** in listening to him and his Messianic servant, who will feed them with true spiritual food.

- Why do you people keep paying out money for what is not bread, and why is your toil for what results in no satisfaction? Listen intently to me, and eat what is good, and let your soul find its exquisite **delight** in fatness itself. (**Isaiah 55:2**)
- Early on in their history Israel took **delight** in the knowledge of their God and carried on righteousness before him.
- Yet day after day it was I whom they kept seeking, and it was in the knowledge of my ways that they would express **delight**, like a nation that carried on righteousness itself and that had not left the very justice of their God, in that they kept asking me for righteous judgments, drawing near to God in whom they had delight. (**Isaiah 58:2**)
- Yehowah showed Israel, that they took **delight** in fasting, while they themselves were driving others to work for them. This was hypocritical.
- For what reason did we fast and you did not see, and did we afflict our soul and you would take no note? Indeed you people were finding **delight** in the very day of your fasting, when there were all your toilers that you kept driving to work. (**Isaiah 58:3**)
- Yehowah told Israel to turn their foot back from doing their own **delights** on his Sabbath, rather **delighting** in the doing of his will. If they would do this, then he would greatly bless them.
- If in view of the Sabbath you will turn back your foot as regards doing your own **delights** on my holy day, and will actually call the Sabbath an exquisite delight, a holy day of Yehowah, one being glorified, and will actually glorify it rather than doing your own ways, rather than finding what delights you and speaking a word. (**Isaiah 58:13**)
- You will in that case find your exquisite **delight** in Yehowah, and I will make you ride upon the high places of the earth, and I will cause you to eat from the hereditary possession of Jacob your forefather, for the mouth of Yehowah itself has spoken it. (**Isaiah 58:14**)
- Yehowah promised that after their return to the Promised Land, their land would be known as, **My Delight Is In Her**.

- No more will you be said to be a woman left entirely, and your own land will no more be said to be desolate, but you yourself will be called **My Delight Is in Her**, and your land **Owned As A Wife**. For Yehowah will have taken delight in you, and your own land will be owned as a wife. (**Isaiah 62:4**)
- Israel would have to bow down to being slaughtered, for when Yehowah called, they failed to listen, and they took to doing what he did not **delight** in.
- And I will destine you men to the sword, and you will all of you bow down to being slaughtered, for the reason that I called, but you did not answer. I spoke, but you did not listen. You kept doing what was bad in my eyes, and the thing in which I took no **delight** you chose. (**Isaiah 65:12**)
- Israel's sacrifices to their God proves unacceptable to Yehowah God because they chose to follow after their own ways, and they took delight in doing **disgusting** things.
- The one slaughtering the bull is as one striking down a man. The one sacrificing the sheep is as one breaking the neck of a dog. The one offering up a gift, the blood of a pig! The one presenting a memorial of frankincense is as one saying a blessing with uncanny words. They are also the ones that have chosen their own ways, and in their disgusting things their very soul has taken a **delight**. (**Isaiah 66:3**)
- I myself, in turn, shall choose ways of ill-treating them, and the things frightful to them I shall bring upon them, for the reason that I called, but there was no one answering. I spoke, but there were none that listened. They kept on doing what was bad in my eyes, and the thing in which I took no **delight** they chose. (**Isaiah 66:4**)
- Isaiah told Israel that they would yet suck and find exquisite delight at the teat of Zion's glory.
- For the reason that you will suck and certainly get satisfaction from the breast of full consolation by her, for the reason that you will sip and experience exquisite **delight** from the teat of her glory. (**Isaiah 66:11**)

- Yehowah's word came to be something the Israelites took no **delight** in hearing, it became only a reproach to them for their bad conduct.
- To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Look! Their ear is uncircumcised, so that they are unable to pay attention. Look! The very word of Yehowah has become to them a reproach, in which word they can take no **delight**. (**Jeremiah 6:10**)
- Yehowah God takes **delight** when people brag about knowing him, and that he is a God of loving-kindness, justice and righteousness.
- But let the one bragging about himself brag about himself because of this very thing, the having of insight and the having of knowledge of me, that I am Yehowah, the One exercising loving-kindness, justice and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I do take **delight**, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 9:24**)
- Yehowah God viewed wicked King Coniah as one in whom he could take no **delight**.
- Is this man Coniah a mere form despised, dashed to pieces, or a vessel in which there is no **delight**? Why is it that he himself and his offspring must be hurled down and thrown into the land that they have not known? (**Jeremiah 22:28**)
- Jeremiah warned the remnant of survivors of Jerusalem that they would die in Egypt, the land that they **delighted** to enter into as alien residents, against his fine counsel.
- And now you should positively know that by the sword, by the famine and by the pestilence you will die in the place into which you do **delight** to enter to reside as aliens. (**Jeremiah 42:22**)
- Ezekiel showed, that Yehowah God, as the giver of life, takes no **delight** to see anyone die for his sins against him, for he wants all men to keep living.
- Do I take any **delight** at all in the death of someone wicked, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, and not in that he should turn back from his ways and actually keep living? (**Ezekiel 18:23**)

- For I do not take any **delight** in the death of someone dying, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. So cause a turning back and keep living, O you people. (**Ezekiel 18:32**)
- Say to them; As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, I take **delight**, not in the death of the wicked one, but in that someone wicked turns back from his way and actually keeps living. Turn back, turn back from your bad ways, for why is it that you should die, O house of Israel? (**Ezekiel 33:11**)
- Yehowah God takes **delight** in men exercising loving-kindness, and not in the sacrifices they make, and in whole burnt offerings.
- For in loving-kindness I have taken **delight**, and not in sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than in whole burnt offerings. (**Hosea 6:6**)
- Israel was prophesied to become like a vessel in which Yehowah God took no **delight**, being swallowed down by mightier nations all around them.
- Israel must be swallowed down. Now they must come to be among the nations, like a vessel in which there is no **delight**. (**Hosea 8:8**)
- Yehowah showed, that Israel should rather go into mourning because of sons in whom she had shown exquisite **delight**, because such wicked ones were going to lead the way into exile.
- Cause baldness, and shear your hair off on account of your sons of exquisite **delight**. Broaden out your baldness like that of the eagle, because they have gone away from you into exile. (**Micah 1:16**)
- Wicked leaders in Israel took advantage of women and widows driving them out of the houses of their exquisite **delight**.
- The women of my people you drive out from the house in which a woman has exquisite **delight**. From off her children you take my splendor, to time indefinite. (**Micah 2:9**)
- Malachi showed, that Yehowah God took no **delight** in the sacrifices and offerings made at his temple then.

- Who also is there among you that will shut the doors? And you men will not light my altar, for nothing. No **delight** do I have in you, Yehowah of armies has said; And in the gift offering from your hand I take no pleasure. (**Malachi 1:10**)
- Yehowah showed, that his people would come to be a land of **delight** under his blessing.
- And all the nations will have to pronounce you happy, for you yourselves will become a land of **delight**, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:12**)
- Paul showed, that he really **delighted** in the Law of his God according to the spiritual man he was inside, in his heart.
- I really **delight** in the Law of God according to the man I am within. (**Romans 7:22**)
- Paul warned Christians that men who took **delight** in a mock form of worship could deprive them of their prize of heavenly life with God and Christ, if they were not spiritually alert, and careful not to adopt their wicked ways.
- Let no man deprive you of the prize who takes **delight** in a mock humility and a form of worship of the angels, taking his stand on the things he has seen, puffed up without proper cause by his fleshly frame of mind. (**Colossians 2:18**)
- Jude warned of similar men who take unrestrained **delight** in deceptive teachings at their love feasts.
- Wronging themselves as a reward for wrongdoing. They consider luxurious living in the daytime a pleasure. They are spots and blemishes, indulging with unrestrained **delight** in their deceptive teachings while feasting together with you. (**2 Peter 2:13**)