

## ~PLEASURE (650)

[English, enjoyment, happiness, delight, joy, bliss, contentment, satisfaction, gratification, Opposite of, dissatisfaction, displeasure]

- Sarah asked lightheartedly if now that she was worn out through old age was she now going to have **pleasure**, Abraham being old also.
- Hence Sarah began to laugh inside herself, saying; After I am worn out, shall I really have **pleasure**, my lord being old besides? (**Genesis 18:12**)
- Jacob made many gifts to Esau upon returning to the Promised Land, so that he would receive him with **pleasure**.
- However, Jacob said; No, please. If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, then you must take my gift at my hand, because in harmony with its purpose I have seen your face as though seeing God's face in that you received me with **pleasure**. (**Genesis 33:10**)
- Moses encouraged Israel to show **pleasure** in the works of Yehowah God's hands.
- Bless, O Yehowah, his vital energy, and may you show **pleasure** in the activity of his hands. Wound severely in their hips those who rise up against him, and those who intensely hate him, that they may not rise up. (**Deuteronomy 33:11**)
- Araunah said for Yehowah God to show **pleasure** in the king.
- Everything Araunah, O king, does give to the king. And Araunah went on to say to the king; May Yehowah your God show **pleasure** in you. (**2 Samuel 24:23**)
- David was taking **pleasure** in giving gifts for the house of Yehowah God to be constructed.
- And since I am taking **pleasure** in the house of my God, there is yet a special property of mine, gold and silver, I do give it to the house of my God over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. (**1 Chronicles 29:3**)

- **Yehowah God takes **pleasure** in rectitude or righteousness.**
- **And I well know, O my God, that you are an examiner of the heart, and that it is in rectitude that you take **pleasure**. I, for my part, in the uprightness of my heart have voluntarily offered all these things, and now your people who are on hand here I have enjoyed seeing make offerings voluntarily to you. (1 Chronicles 29:17)**
- **All Judah gave way to rejoicing over the thing sworn to, for it was with undivided hearts that they had sworn and with full **pleasure** on their part they looked for Yehowah.**
- **And all Judah gave way to rejoicing over the thing sworn, for it was with all their heart that they had sworn and with full **pleasure** on their part that they had looked for him, so that he let himself be found by them, and Yehowah continued to give them rest all around. (2 Chronicles 15:15)**
- **Ezra told the returning Israelites to perform the **pleasure** of their God, by ridding themselves of their foreign wives.**
- **And now make confession to Yehowah the God of your forefathers and do his **pleasure** and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives. (Ezra 10:11)**
- **Job asked Yehowah God to turn his gaze from upon him and give him rest, like the **pleasure** a hired laborer finds after a hard days work.**
- **Turn your gaze from upon him that he may have rest, until he finds **pleasure** as a hired laborer does in his day. (Job 14:6)**
- **Men make entreaty to Yehowah God that he may take **pleasure** in them, asking Yehowah God to restore righteousness to them.**
- **He will make entreaty to God that he may take **pleasure** in him, and he will see his face with joyful shouting, and He will restore His righteousness to mortal man. (Job 33:26)**
- **Elihu argued that Job was wrong to say that an able-bodied man does not profit by his taking **pleasure** in his God.**
- **For he has said; An able-bodied man does not profit by his taking **pleasure** in God. (Job 34:9)**

- Yehowah God took pleasure in Israel and so gave to them the Promised Land, delivering it from the hand of their enemies.
- For it was not by their own sword that they took possession of the land, and their own arm was not what brought them salvation. For it was your right hand and your arm and the light of your face, because you took **pleasure** in them. (**Psalms 44:3**)
- The Psalmist showed the way of stupid ones and of those taking **pleasure** in their saying, and following after them.
- This is the way of those who have stupidity, and of those coming after them who take **pleasure** in their very mouthings. (**Psalms 49:13**)
- The Psalmist showed, that Yehowah God does not take delight in sacrifices, nor find **pleasure** in whole burnt offerings.
- 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**)
- Wicked men give bad advice so as to allure a man from his own dignity, for they take **pleasure** in lies. Their mouths bless others, but within their hearts they call down evil upon them.
- Indeed they give advice so as to allure from ones own dignity, they take **pleasure** in a lie. With their mouth they bless, but inside themselves they call down evil. (**Psalms 62:4**)
- The Psalmist thanked Yehowah God for finding **pleasure** in his land by returning his people to it.
- You have taken **pleasure**, O Yehowah, in your land; You have brought back the ones taken captive of Jacob. (**Psalms 85:1**)
- The Psalmist showed, that Yehowah God's servants found **pleasure** in the stones of his temple, bowing in the dust to implore his favor.
- For your servants have found **pleasure** in her stones, and to her dust they direct their favor. (**Psalms 102:14**)

- The Psalmist asked Yehowah God to take **pleasure** in the voluntary offerings of his mouth, and to teach him his own judicial decisions.
- Please take **pleasure** in the voluntary offerings of my mouth, O Yehowah, and teach me your own judicial decisions. (**Psalms 119:108**)
- Yehowah God does not take delight in the mightiness of horses, nor in the strength of a man's legs does he find **pleasure**.
- 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**)
- Yehowah God is finding **pleasure** in those fearing him, those waiting for his loving-kindness.
- Yehowah is finding **pleasure** in those fearing him, in those waiting for his loving-kindness. (**Psalms 147:11**)
- Yehowah God is taking **pleasure** in his people, and so he beautifies the meek ones with salvation.
- For Yehowah is taking **pleasure** in his people. He beautifies the meek ones with salvation. (**Psalms 149:4**)
- Yehowah God reproves all the ones he loves, like a father reproves a son in whom he finds **pleasure**.
- Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproves, even as a father does a son in whom he finds **pleasure**. (**Proverbs 3:12**)
- A complete stone weight for accurate and true measuring is a **pleasure** to Yehowah God.
- A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Yehowah, but a complete stone-weight is a **pleasure** to him. (**Proverbs 11:1**)
- Those who remain blameless in their way are a **pleasure** to Yehowah God.
- Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the ones blameless in their way are a **pleasure** to him.

(Proverbs 11:20)

- Those acting in faithfulness are a **pleasure** to Yehowah God.
- False lips are something detestable to Yehowah, but those acting in faithfulness are a **pleasure** to him. (Proverbs 12:22)
- A servant acting with insight is a **pleasure** to a king.
- The **pleasure** of a king is in the servant who is acting with insight, but his fury comes to be toward one acting shamefully. (Proverbs 14:35)
- The prayer of the upright ones is a **pleasure** to Yehowah God.
- The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable to Yehowah, but the prayer of the upright ones is a **pleasure** to him. (Proverbs 15:8)
- When Yehowah God takes **pleasure** in a man's way, he even causes his enemies to be at peace with him.
- When Yehowah takes **pleasure** in the ways of a man he causes even his enemies themselves to be at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7)
- The lips of righteousness are a **pleasure** to a grand king.
- The lips of righteousness are a **pleasure** to a grand king, and the speaker of upright things he loves. (Proverbs 16:13)
- The congregator asked his son to give his heart to him, and take **pleasure** in his ways.
- My son, do give your heart to me, and may those eyes of yours take **pleasure** in my own ways. (Proverbs 23:26)
- The Bible encourages men to chastize their children, and they will bring rest and give much **pleasure** to their souls.
- Chastise your son and he will bring you rest and give much **pleasure** to your soul. (Proverbs 29:17)

- The congregator encourages men to rejoice in eating and drinking with a good heart, because the true God has found **pleasure** in your works.
- Go, eat your food with rejoicing and drink your wine with a good heart, because already the true God has found **pleasure** in your works. (**Ecclesiastes 9:7**)
- What **pleasure** would you find in a son who gave you gifts, but refused to listen to you, or to do your will? Before presenting any **gifts** at Yehowah's altar, people must have first left the bad work and thoughts, in order for him to receive them with **pleasure**. (**Isaiah 60:6**)
- What does this matter to me that you bring in even frankincense from Sheba and the good cane from the land far away? The whole burnt offerings of you people serve for no **pleasure**, and your very sacrifices have not been gratifying to me. (**Jeremiah 6:20**)
- Jehovah's Witnesses know the divine principles, that should govern all of our lives, but they have failed to live up to them in practice. They abuse young anointed ones, they reject godly wisdom calling it apostasy, they worship mere men and their own organization, and they disfellowshipped the Messiah. They love titles and prominence and they worship a Baal or **Master, of growth**. They indeed love to wander about. Their failure to live by these principles, is loose conduct!
- This is what Yehowah has said concerning this people; Thus they have loved to wander about, their feet they have not kept in check. So Yehowah himself has taken no **pleasure** in them. Now he will remember their error and will give attention to their sins. (**Jeremiah 14:10**)
- **Just making sacrifices, like going out in field service** is unacceptable to Yehowah, when the people making these sacrifices do not walk in Yehowah's true way. Jehovah's Witnesses know, that a new Bible student must first clean up his or her life before going out in service, as wrong conduct can defile their work. This privilege can also be lost by individuals, and by the entire organization, for failure to live up to the truth.
- When they fast, I am not listening to their entreating cry, and when they offer up the whole burnt offering and the grain

offering, I am taking no **pleasure** in them, for by the sword and by famine and by pestilence I am bringing them to their end. (Jeremiah 14:12)

- Yehowah will not bring his people to his **holy mountain** until they are a clean people. Only then will he accept from them gifts and offerings and find **pleasure** in them, when clean people present them in holiness. Jehovah's Witnesses today think that all that they have to do to please God is to go out in service and to be clean and orderly.
- For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, there is where they, the whole house of Israel in its entirety, will serve me, in the land. There I shall take **pleasure** in them, and there I shall require your contributions and the firstfruits of your presentations in all your holy things. (Ezekiel 20:40)
- When Yehowah's people listen and obey it is like a restful odor to him, one that he takes **pleasure** in. Yehowah is going to scatter this rebellious people to every wind, but after their humiliation he will regather all of the repentant ones together to serve him again. Then as a cleansed people they can truly sanctify their holy God before the eyes of all of the nations.
- Because of the restful odor I shall take **pleasure** in you, when I bring you forth from the peoples and I actually collect you together from the lands to which you have been scattered, and I will be sanctified in you before the eyes of the nations. (Ezekiel 20:41)
- Yehowah delights in his people when they obey him and do his will submissively and they turn their powers of spiritual comprehension to discerning the meaning behind his will. In such things he takes **pleasure**.
- And they will complete the days. And it must occur on the eighth day and from then on that the priests will render upon the altar the whole burnt offerings of you people and your communion sacrifices, and I shall certainly find **pleasure** in you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 43:27)
- Yehowah says that from the start, their sacrifices of flesh, a gift ostensibly made to him, he had never taken **pleasure** in. Though he showed patience for some four hundred and thirty years as they

continued in their apostasy, he will now remember their error and call them to account for it. They have gone back to the way of Egypt, a way of idol worship and the glorification of mere men as gods.

- As my gift sacrifices they kept sacrificing flesh, and they kept eating what Yehowah himself took no **pleasure** in. Now he will remember their error and hold an accounting for their sins. To Egypt they themselves proceeded to return. (**Hosea 8:13**)
- Whole burnt offerings and gift offerings mean giving to Yehowah all of the praise. Even these he will not accept with **pleasure**. Communion offerings like the Memorial, he will not look upon. What communion, or intimate **sharing**, can there be between you once you have disfellowshipped his son?
- But if you people offer up to me whole burnt offerings, even in your gift offerings I shall find no **pleasure**, and on your communion sacrifices of fatlings I shall not look. (**Amos 5:22**)
- So Yehowah God commands his people to go up into the mountains nearby, and they must cut down lumber, and bring it in to Jerusalem, and there they should begin building Yehowah's own house. Then, he can take **pleasure** in his people, and their service to him, for then they will be bringing glory to him as their God.
- Go up to the mountain, and you must bring in lumber. And build the house, that I may take **pleasure** in it and I may be glorified, Yehowah has said. (**Haggai 1:8**)
- Also he shows a second example, that of presenting a blind, lame or sickly animal for sacrificing at the temple of Yehowah. They consider this nothing bad, rather looking at it as a way to get rid of those hard to care for among their flocks. So Yehowah God tells the priests to present such animals to their governor, and see how he feels about them. Will they gain any favor before their own governor, if they present such animals to him as a gift. Clearly, the answer is no. Israel was called to present to Yehowah God their very best, their firstfruits, and the priests were to present the very best of the best they received, for anything less would not be acceptable.
- And when you present a blind animal for sacrificing; It is nothing bad. And when you present a lame animal or a sick one; It is nothing bad. Bring it near, please, to your governor. Will he find **pleasure** in you, or will he receive you kindly? Yehowah of



armies has said. (**Malachi 1:8**)

- Yehowah now refers to the mundane procedures done daily at the temple, that of opening and closing the temple doors, and lighting the fire for the altar, for they are going through the motions, and doing these things for nothing. Yehowah shows that he takes no delight in these things, and from the gift offerings from their hand, he takes no **pleasure**, for their heart is not in this service.

- 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**)

- They have come to say about their own services rendered at his temple, that they are wearisome, and they have caused a sniffing at his sacrifices, not even wanting to eat them. They also allow others to present sacrifices sickly and lame, and even torn apart animals, and to bring them before Yehowah God as a gift. How really could Yehowah God take **pleasure** in a people doing this?

- And you have said; Look! What a weariness! And you have caused a sniffing at it, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have brought something torn away, and the lame one, and the sick one, yes, you have brought it as a gift. Can I take **pleasure** in it at your hand? Yehowah has said. (**Malachi 1:13**)

- This then was the second thing that his priesthood was doing, so as to cause a covering of the altar with tears, and with weeping and sighing. Because of their wayward conduct, there is no more a turning of Yehowah to give them favor, or to take any **pleasure** from anything coming from their hand.

- And this is the second thing that you people do, this resulting in covering with tears the altar of Yehowah, with weeping and sighing, so that there is no more a turning toward the gift offering or a taking of **pleasure** in anything from your hand. (**Malachi 2:13**)

- So Jesus showed his listeners, that David called him Lord, so then how does it come to be, that he is his son? Well when the crowds heard this they were feeling **pleasure** over his words, for he understood things about the Bible, others failed to comprehend.

- David himself calls him Lord, but how does it come that he is his son? And the great crowd was listening to him with **pleasure**.  
(**Mark 12:37**)
- Therefore Paul took **pleasure** in weaknesses, in being insulted, in being in need, in persecutions, and many other difficulties, he suffered in his Christian service. Why? Because when he personally was thus weak, then the power of the Christ remained over him like a tent of protection, from the rain and windstorms, of Satan the Devil's wicked system of things.
- Therefore I take **pleasure** in weaknesses, in insults, in cases of need, in persecutions and difficulties, for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am powerful. (**2 Corinthians 12:10**)
- God foreordained, that anointed Christians would come to be his sons through adoption, for this is his will, and he takes **pleasure** in doing such glorious things in our behalf.
- For he foreordained us to the adoption through Jesus Christ as sons to himself, according to the good **pleasure** of his will.  
(**Ephesians 1:5**)
- Through his spirit he has made known to Christians the sacred secret of his will for us. It is according to the good **pleasure** on his will, to reveal to Christians, things which he has purposed within himself from times of long ago.
- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his good **pleasure** which he purposed in himself  
(**Ephesians 1:9**)
- They should realize, that God is the one that is acting for the sake of his good **pleasure** within them, for them both to will, and to act. Therefore they should cooperate fully with his direction and guidance, and be obedient in all things from the heart.
- For God is the one that, for the sake of his good **pleasure**, is acting within you in order for you both to will and to act.  
(**Philippians 2:13**)
- So then, they will all be judged adversely, because although they had God's word the Bible, and his spirit, they rather took **pleasure** in unrighteousness, and turned away from the truth.

- In order, that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took **pleasure** in unrighteousness. (**2 Thessalonians 2:12**)
- Paul then shows, that the righteous one will live by reason of faith, and if he shrinks back, then Yehowah God has no **pleasure** in him. Yehowah God has called his anointed congregation to a course of faith, and that faith should grow and expand over time, as his spirit grows and expands within us, and we make ever greater progress toward our goal, of putting to death the desires of the fallen flesh, through our love of his spirit within us.
- But my righteous one will live by reason of faith, and, if he shrinks back, my soul has no **pleasure** in him. (**Hebrews 10:38**)
- James now asks what is the source of the wars and fights within the congregation of God and its members. Ultimately he shows that they all spring from their inner cravings for sensual **pleasure**. Such cravings are carrying on a conflict among their body members.
- They also carry on a conflict within the different members of the larger body, the congregation. The congregation of God is made up of many different ones in various stages of spiritual maturity. Some have made more or less progress in putting to death the desires of the fallen flesh through their love of the Holy Spirit within them. It is the ones less mature that bring this conflict to the surface within the congregation of God.
- From what source are there wars and from what source are there fights among you? Are they not from this source, namely, from your cravings for sensual **pleasure** that carry on a conflict in your members? (**James 4:1**)
- James then shows, that they do in fact ask God for such things, but for all the wrong reasons, and that is why they have not received them. Their only desire is to use these material things to satisfy their own desires for sensual **pleasure**.
- This is wrong and God will never support it for it is opposed to the Christian way of putting to death the desires of the fallen flesh through our love of the Holy Spirit of anointing within us. Yehowah God will bless individuals who want to use their material wealth for the

**good of others, but will not bless those who selfishly crave and hoard material possessions for themselves.**

- **You do ask, and yet you do not receive, because you are asking for a wrong purpose, that you may expend it upon your cravings for sensual **pleasure**. (James 4:3)**
- **Such men are only concerned with living in luxury upon the earth, and with filling their days with sensual **pleasure**. These are signs of the Last Days that Paul told us to look out for, for then they would be lovers of themselves, lovers of **pleasures**.**
- **They do not even see the approaching day of judgment and accounting from Yehowah God that is fast approaching all of the human family, the day order slaughter, they only go on fattening their own hearts.**
- **You have lived in luxury upon the earth and have gone in for sensual **pleasure**. You have fattened your hearts on the day of slaughter. (James 5:5)**
- **Such men wrong themselves as their only reward for wrongdoing. They are the kinds of men who want to live luxurious lives in the daytime, when work is normally being done by others. When in among a clean people like true anointed Christians, they, are only spots and blemishes, among an otherwise clean people. They delight in bringing forth their deceptive teachings, while they spiritually feast together with anointed Christians.**
- **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)**