

The River of Pleasures – Experiencing the Abundance of God in Your Daily Life (Psalm 36:7-8, 46:4)

Friday Night Burn Service

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We have access to the pleasures of God in Heaven now! **“There is a river whose streams make glad the city of our God” (Psalm 46-4)**

1. This is the river spoken of in Revelation 22:1 in the New Jerusalem.

*“And He showed me a pure **River** of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the lamb”*

A. This is the River in Heaven and that fills and supplies the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:22)

2. It is the role of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Truth, the Promise of the Father—to take from what is going on (what exists already) in Heaven and make it known to us so that we can experience Heaven on Earth now. (John 15:26, 16:15)

*“When he, the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, The Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of me” (John 15:26) “... All things that the Father has are mine, therefore I said that **HE** will take of mine and declare it to you” (John 16:15)*

A. God has given us the Holy Spirit so that he can make known to us NOW the things that are and are to come.

B. The New Jerusalem is a place that already exists. The RIVER is available through the Holy Spirit. We don't have to just dream about one day going there, we can experience it in our daily lives! This means that experiencing God's abundant pleasures is not contingent upon our daily reality, life circumstances, our lack, our riches, or our ability to understand!

C. This is not a state of mind conjured up by our own imagination . This is a BIG-R reality. This is the TRUTH of God made known by the spirit of truth and found in the scriptures.

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3. God says that this truth and His abundant life is for ***those who trust!***

*“The children of men put their **trust** under the shadow of your wings” (Psalm 36:7)*

*“They are **abundantly satisfied** with the fullness of your house, and you give them **Drink from the river of your pleasure**” (Psalm 36:8)*

A. The Key to accessing the river of God’s delight starts with Trusting the Lord.

B. But there is an enemy who seeks to kill steal and destroy our trust in God.

C. It’s subtle, but it’s sometimes easier to believe lies because of your life’s circumstances than it is to experience the river of His pleasure.

4. Trusting puts you in a position to receive in your heart ALL that God has to offer you, be it salvation or a more satisfied life in Christ!

A. The River of God’s pleasure is available to His Children who trust in Him... The Holy spirit is ready to make known the things of God to you right now! Will you trust His word and receive abundantly?