

The Pleasures of God By Pastor Alex

“The worth and excellency of a soul is to be measured by the object of its love.” That phrase was coined by Henry Scougal and was later expounded upon by John Piper. Piper’s point being that not only can you tell of the quality of someone based on their loves, but you can also get to know them rather well by exploring their loves. This brings us to two main ideas. First, the excellency of God’s character can be marveled at by exploring the things He loves. Second, knowledge of God can be acquired through exploring the things He loves.

What are the things He loves? Piper categorizes them for us neatly:

- His Son, All that He Does
- His Creation
- His Fame
- Election
- Bruising the Son
- Those who Hope in Him
- Those who Love Him and Love Others

By loving and exploring these concepts and ideas through the Scripture, we too can become more acquainted with the glory of God! In becoming acquainted with the glory of God, we can become more like God in His glory.

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with every-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”¹

This is the subject of our study on Wednesday nights for the foreseeable future. I would invite you to join us! Even if you are not able to join us on Wednesday night, I would extend the invitation to you to enjoy God by contemplating the things He loves. This will produce a wealth of glory for you in Christ.

¹ 2 Corinthians 3:18