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1 Sam. 12:22, “For the sake of His great name the Lord will not reject His people, because the Lord was pleased to make you His own.”

The first part of this verse means because of His reputation or because His name is highly esteemed. In other words, God will not allow His name to be disparaged or brought down. It is no wonder the third commandment He gave is: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Our God will not allow His name to be brought to shame. He will always do what He has said He will do. He, in fact, is the only One in the universe that this can be said of. He is a God of His Word. This is why His name is great. When we think of people that are great, we can still recognize that they have flaws; we all do. We are prone to selfishness and sin. But I want you to meditate on the last part of this verse today. He will not reject His people (first written about the Jews). But because His message is now both to the Jew and the Gentile, we are part of this blessing. And, get this, the LORD was pleased to make you His own.

No one had to persuade Him to love us. No one could make Him adopt you into His family. He was *pleased* to make you His own. The word *pleased* is **yaw tab** which means He was very glad. Why? Because God loves you. He adores you. He wants you to draw near to Him. He wants you to trust in Him and walk with Him. If we could finally get this into our minds and our hearts; God loves us! He really, really, really does. God is not mad at you. He made you. He paid for you. He redeemed you.

Dear LORD, thank You that You were pleased to make us Your own. You have done everything for us. Help us to uplift Your name to everyone around us. Help us not to be ashamed of the gospel. In Jesus Name, Amen