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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 37:4-6 Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. (NIV)

Where is it that we are to delight? It is 'in' the LORD. We can delight about Who He is; and we should. We can delight in the things He has done; absolutely. We can delight in the fact that He is always with us and will never forsake us; no doubt. But the real delight that we can experience is in the LORD. This means in His presence, in His will, in His boundaries, and in His love.

Now the psalmist makes a profound statement. When we delight ourselves in the LORD, He will give us the desires of our hearts. This phrase has been completely misunderstood and taken out of context. It does not mean, whatever we want that God is bound to make it come to pass. The better translation is: He will give you the desires that your heart should have. Why? Because we are walking in communion with His Holy Spirit. We would not want anything that His Spirit would not lead us into and approve of that very thing. This comes from the next word in this passage: commit. It literally means to roll away from your own selfish desires and seek His direction. When we trust Him and His path, He will, no doubt, lead us in the way that we should go, and He will provide everything that we need to be successful in His will.

The end result is that He will then lift us up and allow others to see Him in us. He will be exalted among the people. He will be glorified as He deserves to be. And He will stand for us. He will make us shine. Not of anything within our means, but because He is residing in us. Like the old hymn reminds us, *'let other see Jesus in you.'*

Dear LORD, we need to delight in You. You should be our hope, our salvation and our focus today. Help us walk in You. Help us bring You glory. In Jesus Name, Amen