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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 173

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **giving you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37:4-5, “Delight yourself 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.”**

The Hebrew phrase for *giving you the desires of your heart* is **mishalot libbecha** which means *desires that originate from Him*. For many years, I would hear people quote this verse as a means of saying that if I delight myself in the Lord, I will get whatever I want. In a sense that is true if you are truly delighting yourself in the Lord. But what most people mean by that is that if I try to do my best, go to church, tithe, read my Bible, then God will give me anything I desire. The problem with this is that it is based on faulty doctrine. God is not obligated to do something to reward our religious works. The key here is the true meaning of delighting yourself *in the Lord*. In fact, that phrase gives us a picture of putting His ways and His desires ahead of our own. Someone once said that this verse is saying that as we find our delight in Him, then He will give us the things we are to desire. These are desires that originate directly from Him. It is having the mind of Christ. I can tell you, if you are trying to fulfill your own desires, it will not happen because those are selfish desires based on what we want and not on what God wants. The greatest joy of anyone who follows Christ is to realize what brings joy to the heart of God, and then follow and do those things. Then we will begin to see things from God’s perspective and truly see the heart of God develop within us.

Dear Father, please help us to not be so selfish. Help us instead to see things through Your eyes of love. Help us to desire the things that will bring glory to You. In Jesus Name, Amen