

# THE PLEASURE OF GOD

*The Father's Good Pleasure to Give You The Kingdom*

Isaiah 61.1,2—The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God . . .

Jesus walked the earth as the radical, extravagant, and “dangerous,” favor of God. He practiced a boundary pushing, Torah challenging, line crossing, Pharisee infuriating radical table practice.

**Luke 4.16-22**—He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”

**Luke 19.5-7**—When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

**Matthew 9.10-11**—While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Luke 7.39**—When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

**Luke 15.1-2**—Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

**Matthew 12.7**—If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

**Luke 4.23-29**— Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “prophets are not accepted in their hometowns. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

That the world might be healed . . . – John 3.17

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**Jonah 3.10-4.4**—This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.”

Cain and Abel  
The Breakfast Table

**Luke 15.28**—The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

**Matthew 22.2-14**— . . . But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

**Eva Moses Kor**

**Luke 12.13**—Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

**Luke 12.32**—Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

**Punitive Justice Vs. Restorative Justice**

**Law Given through Moses; The Way of Grace has come through Jesus the Christ.**

**Hebrews 9.22**—In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**Hebrew 10.4-5**—It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.”

**Matthew 12.7**—If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

**Last People On Earth To Marginalize:**

**Matthew 20.16**—“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Jesus walked the earth as the radical, extravagant, and “dangerous,” enemy embracing favor of God. He practiced a boundary pushing, Torah challenging, line crossing, Pharisee infuriating radical table practice. And the question we have to ask is, “Do We?”**

**Matthew 5.20-48**—He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous . . . Be complete, therefore, as your heavenly Father is complete.

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