God's Pleasure

1. Read Revelation 4, Genesis 1:31, 2:1-2 & 9

Who is this upon the throne? What is the declaration of those who see Him in their worship?

Why do they say He is worthy? What were all things created for?

Does that include human beings? What was God's comment on what He had made?

What do you think He was going to do on the seventh day?

What were the trees like that God made?

Do you think God wanted man to enjoy the pleasure of the creation with Him?

Read Genesis 3:18-19 to see the change that took place after sin came in.

2. Read Psalm 5:4, 1 Corinthians 10:1-14, Hebrews 10:5-10, Micah 6:7-8

What sort of things is God not pleased with?

What did God do with those who sinned against Him?

Are all men's efforts to please God by their own sacrifices of no avail?

What should we do if God is not pleased with things?

What is the simple requirement God has of every man? (Micah 6:8)

Who in Hebrews realised what God really wanted? What was His response?

3. Read Hebrews 11:5-6, Genesis 5:21-24

What did Enoch do that pleased God? Does this fit in with Micah 6:8?

What does Hebrews say of Enoch? What was the basis of his life?

What is it impossible to please God without?

4. Read Colossians 1:16-19, Luke 3:22, Matthew 17:5

What was God's testimony of the Lord Jesus? Now read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Isaiah 53:10-12.

What was God's response to Jesus when He was made sin for us? Is this just and right?

5. Read Ephesians 1:3-14, Galatians 1:15-16

What has God done according to the good pleasure of His will?

Did we find it out for ourselves or has God made it known to us?

Was it His pleasure to make it known? (Read Colossians 1:27 for a clue.)

How did this work out in Paul's experience?

What did God reveal in Paul to make it work for him?

6. Read Philippians 2:9-15, Colossians 1:9-12, 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 1 John 3:22

Paul prayed and exhorted that they should walk worthy unto the Lord pleasing Him.

Should we do the same for one another? How does God work in us for His good pleasure?

What seems to be the secret? (Col. 1:9) Does this fit in with Hebrews 10 above, about Jesus?

What effect will pleasing God have on our prayers being answered?

7. Read Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, Romans 15:1,

What are we not to please if it means not pleasing God? What should the strong do?

Do you think that applies to us all as far as God is concerned? Read Luke 8:14 for a clue.

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:18, Psalm 133

Where has God placed every member of His body?

What is it to God and the church when they dwell in unity?

What can God then do for them?

9. Read Hebrews 13:15-16, Zephaniah 3:14-17

With what is God well pleased?

Should we all worship Him? (to communicate really means to give everything of your life to

your brothers and sisters, whether it is a simple practical task, listening to them, praying for them, sharing your blessings with them, even giving them your money if the Lord says so - really laying down our lives one for another.)

What will God do when we are glad and rejoice in His salvation? (Zeph. 3:17) Is that not wonderful that God will rejoice over us?