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CAUSE GOD TO SMILE

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"He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy." Psalms 147:10-11, NKJV



I am so glad the Lord chooses to handle my life for me. It is a relief to my mind and comfort to my soul. So many people rely on their own strength to make it. When you realize being strong within yourself and operating as though you do not need God to handle your life is not a compliment. We need Him as Lord and Savior of our life.

It is best to appreciate that God delights (take pleasure) in people who accept their need for Him every day and all day to operate at their peak. It does not mean you are weak minded or weak in any other form because you credit God for being wiser and more capable than you or any other person. Consider how elegantly a horse can run and how graceful they look as it displays the strength in their legs. During the times of the psalmist, horses were considered valuable as they were used in war and labor. Many felt safe because their confidence was in the horse's ability to maneuver in war to overtake an enemy; often they attributed winning a war because of the horses used. Likewise, our physical strength is based on how we use our legs. For instance, if you bend properly then you can lift more weight. However, these strengths cannot replace our confidence in God. For, although He created the horse and man to have strength physically, one should never put more confidence in other sources when it comes to how our soul is protected.

The fact is, we do not have the strength to protect our soul from Satan or forgive our sins and not be weighted by it. Knowing how to use physical strength to conduct daily affairs has its place. But knowing how to hide your soul from Satan and be forgiven from sins only comes to those who fear the Lord and trust in Him to forgive us. God's greatest pleasure is for us to honor and value Him as God for He is the only one who has the strength to provide safety for our soul and forgiveness of sins. We win the battle of life being victorious through Jesus Christ who procured our salvation.

Pleasure God today and tell Him how much you value what He has to offer. You will cause God to smile!

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