"<u>Delight Thyself Also In The LORD</u>; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalm 37:4 KJV

Ice cream lovers delight themselves with ice cream. Steak lovers delight themselves with steak. Mothers delight in a new child. Delight is having a heart's desire. Temporal things provide temporal pleasure; the ice cream melts; the steak is eaten; the child grows; but God is eternal. His attributes are infinite. His Love endears. His Grace saves. His Power preserves. His Word encourages. His Spirit instructs. His Presence comforts. His Majesty awes us. His Life quickens us. One could continue ad infinitum and never find an end! When God is our delight, we experience His Eternal Peace and Joy in



our hearts and souls. "The Joy of the LORD is your strength." Jesus said, "My Peace, give I unto you." God is "a Rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him." If we seek Him, we will find Him. "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with All your heart." God does not lightly manifest His Presence. He only rewards the diligent seeker with His Presence. God is His own Reward. Maybe the reason we haven't experienced God's Presence is that perhaps He is not our delight. Maybe we seek halfheartedly or only when in need. If He is our delight, we will "pray without ceasing" [and] "meditate...day and night." We are easily distracted by needs and desires. The temporal often obscures the eternal. Sometimes it is a ringing phone, a crying child, or thoughts of care and doubt. We must find a quiet place where we cannot be disturbed. "Be still and know that I am God!" A physics professor challenged his class to empty a glass of all the air within it without touching or moving it. After exhausting every idea, they concluded it was impossible. The professor then picked up the water pitcher and filled the glass to the rim, successfully removing every molecule of air. An empty mind can be filled with anything. We need to so fill our minds with Truth there is no room for anything else. The Truth will liberate. "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." When we are thus minded, not only will we live righteously, we will find ourselves delightedly in God's presence.

Is the Lord your soul's delight?
Do you dream of Him at night?
Is the thought of Him your light?
Is His Face your longed-for sight? –CGP

You will find no delight in that which you do not know. If God is not your delight, you do not know Him. Know His Word...know Him! How often do you read your Bible? Solar panels do not work in the night. "If we walk in the Light, (obey God's Word) as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." The apostle said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. That I may know Him, and the Power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." Christ was his prize. Is Christ your prize? Your delight?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God." Romans 12:1-2 KJV