



Pleasing God!

Trusting In God's Love For Us

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Luke 1 ³⁷ "For nothing will be impossible with God." NASU

Hebrews 11 ¹ NOW **FAITH** is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. ² For by [faith — trust and holy fervor born of faith] **the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report.** AMP

2 Corinthians 5 ⁷ for we live by faith, not by what we see with our eyes. ⁸ We live with a joyful confidence, yet at the same time we take delight in the thought of leaving our bodies behind to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we live or die **we make it our life's passion** ("aim" – NKJV; "ambition" – NASU; "goal" – NLT) **to live our lives pleasing to him.** ¹⁰ For one day we will all be openly revealed before Christ on his throne so that each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless. TPT

Hebrews 11 ⁶ And **it is impossible to please God without faith.** Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that **he rewards those who sincerely seek him.** NLT

Romans 10 ¹⁷ So then **faith comes by hearing,** and **hearing by the word of God.** NKJV

1 John 4 ¹⁶ We have come into an intimate experience with God's love, and **we trust in the love he has for us. God is love!** Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them. TPT

Psalms 78 ^{40b} ...How they **grieved him with their grumblings.** ⁴¹ Again and again **they limited God, preventing him from blessing them.** Continually they turned back from him and provoked the Holy One of Israel! ⁴² **They forgot his great love...** TPT

Psalms 37 ³ Keep trusting in the Lord and do what is right in his eyes. **Fix your heart on the promises of God** and you will be secure, feasting on his faithfulness. ⁴ **Make God the utmost delight and pleasure of your life, and he will provide for you what you desire the most.** ⁵ **Give God the right to direct your life, and as you trust him along the way you'll find he pulled it off perfectly!** ¹⁸ Day by day the Lord watches the good deeds of the godly and he prepares for them his **forever-reward.** ²³ The steps of the God-pursuing ones follow firmly in the footsteps of the Lord, and **God delights in every step they take to follow him.** ²⁴ If they stumble badly they will still survive, for the Lord lifts them up with his hands. ²⁵ I was once young, but now I'm old. Not once have I found a lover of God forsaken by him, nor have any of their children gone hungry. ²⁶ Instead, **I've found the godly ones to be the generous ones who give freely to others. Their children are blessed and become a blessing.** ³⁴ **So don't be impatient for the Lord to act;** keep moving forward steadily in his ways, and **he will exalt you at the right time.** And when he does, **you will possess every promise,** including your full inheritance. You'll watch with your own eyes and see the wicked lose everything. ³⁷ But you can tell who are the blameless and spiritually mature. *What a different story with them!* **The godly ones will have a peaceful, prosperous future with a happy ending.** ³⁸ Every

evil sinner will be destroyed, obliterated. They'll be utter failures with no future!³⁹ But the Lord will be the Savior of all who love him. Even in their time of trouble God will live in them as strength.⁴⁰ Because of their faith in him, their daily portion will be a Father's help and deliverance from evil. This is true for all who turn to hide themselves in him! TPT

Hebrews 11 ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE. ¹³ All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; ¹⁸ it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." ¹⁹ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. ²¹ By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones. ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace. ³² And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; ³⁶ and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated ³⁸ (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect. NASU