

“How God Reigns” Series – all sessions recorded and available on GBC website under Sunday School Lessons tab

Session #2 – The Pleasure, Purpose and Plan of God

I. Biblical Emphases

- a. God does what He pleases- Psalm 115:3, 135:6, Isaiah 46:10
- b. God is unchanging in His purposes- Job 36:5, Isaiah 46:10
- c. God’s plans stand firm forever – Psalm 33:11, Isaiah 46:11

II. What Pleases God?

- a. Pleased the Lord to _____ everything- Genesis 1:31- the Law of First Mention and God established how He would reign from the creation story:
 - i. Made us in the _____ of God- Genesis 1:26-27
 - ii. Be fruitful and _____ in number- 1:28, 2:24, 4:1
 - iii. _____ over breathing creature- 1:28
 - iv. _____ the ground in the Garden of Eden- 2:4-9, 15
 - v. Make God-mandated _____ decisions- 2:9, 16
 - vi. Freely _____ names for animals- 2:19
 - vii. Take the _____ as your helper- 2:20-21
 - viii. Deal with the _____ to question God’s authority and do wrong- 3:1-5
 - ix. Experience _____ and _____ death if disobedient- 2:17
 - x. Be _____ while on earth for disobedience to God’s requirements- 3:16-17- Pain = sorrow, grief, displeasure
 - xi. Bring _____ of thanksgiving to God for His provisions- 4:3-5
 - xii. _____ your sins because they desire to _____ you- 4:6-7
 - xiii. Take care of your _____ 4:9-10
 - xiv. _____ on the name of the Lord- 4:26, 5:21-24
 - xv. Have children in your _____ 5:1-3
- b. Pleased the Lord to make His _____ great- Isaiah 42:21
- c. God helps us do what _____ Him – Philippians 2:13
- d. _____ pleases God- Deuteronomy 30:9-10

e. Pleases God to _____ - Deuteronomy 28:63

III. What are God's Primary Purposes

- a. Purposed to show his _____ and make his _____ known- Exodus 9:16- Law of First Mention
- b. Purposed to send _____ - Acts 2:23
- c. Purpose _____ by the religious leaders- Luke 7:30
- d. Purposed that all be _____ - I Timothy 2:3
- e. Purposed to create the _____ age – Ephesians 2:14-16
- f. Purposed that believers live _____ lives- 2 Timothy 1:8-9
- g. Purposed that the Church show God's Wisdom to the leadership of the _____ - Ephesians 3:10
- h. Purposed _____ on wicked nations- various

IV. How should we understand God's Plan

- a. God's _____ plan- Numbers 33:55- Law of First Mention
- b. Fixed Plan that can't be _____ - Ephesians 1:9, Job 42:1
- c. Plan for _____ - Jeremiah 29:10-20
- d. Plan for judgment that could be _____ - Jeremiah 18:11
- e. Plan for _____ judgment – Lamentations 2:17-22, Micah 2:3