

## The All-Satisfying Object

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The quest for pleasure is not even optional, but commanded (in the Psalms): "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

The psalmists sought to do just this: "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1–2). "My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).

The motif of thirsting has its satisfying counterpart when the psalmist says that men "drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; and You give them to drink of the river of Your delights" (Psalm 36:8 NASB). I found that the goodness of God, the very foundation of worship, is not a thing you pay your respects to out of some kind of disinterested reverence. No, it is something to be enjoyed: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8). Taste. Taste! And see. "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).

As C.S. Lewis says, God in the Psalms is the "all-satisfying Object." His people adore him unashamedly for the "exceeding joy" they find in him (<u>Psalm 43:4</u>). He is the source of complete and unending pleasure: "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (<u>Psalm 16:11</u>). (JP

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**Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart:** Due to the pastor's missions' trip to Argentina, our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m...

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Tonight, we will finish our study on The Benefits and Fruit of Weakness. See you at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Fellowship:** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, our women will be meeting together to encourage and pray for one another. Our first meeting will be at the home of Silvia Cripchuck, 4133 Shoalcreek Dr. in Corona, at 10:00 am.

**Thanksgiving Celebration Meal** – Join us Saturday, November 22, for an early Thanksgiving meal and great fellowship! We will be meeting at the Ayres Hotel where we meet on Sundays for church. We'll begin at 11:30 am.

Sunday's Service: Esther: Living as Exiles (For Such a Time as This) <a href="https://youtu.be/XtrPkev8Yd4">https://youtu.be/XtrPkev8Yd4</a>

**This Sunday's Message:** Esther: Living in Exiles (For a Time Such As This – 2)

**Great Quote:** "When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of God's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth." (John Piper)

**Prayer Needs:** 



- Please continue to pray for Jude who is currently in Juvenile Detention. Pray that he would surrender his life to Christ.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike's upcoming trip to Argentina. We will be re-opening a church that has been closed since covid.
- Please continue to pray for Brian who is under severe spiritual attack.
- Please continue to pray for Mary, the mother of one of our members, who has decided to be baptized and commit her life to the Lord.
- Please continue to pray for Miguel. He is currently staying at the Ayres Hotel and is asking for wisdom and guidance for him and his 3 children. His desire is to serve the Lord and provide for his family.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or <a href="mailto:yea4god@gmail.com">yea4god@gmail.com</a>

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory! Pastor Mike