

## **“THE WALK OF LOVE: The Pleasure We Give”**

### **Ephesians 5:2**

The Bible makes many things perfectly clear -

Two such thing are:

- 1- The Lord has created all things.
- 2 - All things are and were created for His pleasure.  
(Rev. 4:11)

We are a part of God’s pleasure source.

The Walk and Sacrifice of Christ are described as a sweet smelling savor to God. (Ep 5:2). That is, these things please God.

We have the clear instruction to offer the same pleasure to God. We are to walk in love, as Christ loved us.

Anyone vaguely familiar with the Bible should be able to make an extensive list of matters which give God pleasure - of those which are a sweet - smelling savor.

We also know too well those things and times which were not pleasing to God. Some people describe such as “a stench in the nostrils of God.”

The purpose of this Bible study will be to discover and encourage those particular ways that we give pleasure to God - the ways we offer a sweet - smelling savor to Him.

#### **I. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN WE OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE.**

- (Read and tell the story of Noah coming off the ark, building an altar, and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving.)
- Hebrews 13:12-15 tells us of the “sacrifice of praise” offered by Christ “that He might sanctify the people with His own blood.”

- Hebrews 13: 12-15 “<sup>12</sup>Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. <sup>13</sup>Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. <sup>14</sup>For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. <sup>15</sup>By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

## II. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN WE ARE PROPERLY CONSECRATED TO HIS SERVICE.

- (Notice the great details given by God for the consecration service - in ch. 28. For particular note in the sermon notice the details of 29:1-18)
  - Our consecration, our concern for purity and properness is an accented matter with God.

He provides no trash.

## III. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN OFFERINGS ARE MADE VOLUNTARILY TO HIM.

1. When the people wanted to bring an offering before the Lord, the Lord gave detailed instructions about the offering
  - Read and accent the details of Leviticus 1:1-9
    - Note v. 3 “He shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle...”
    - Note v. 9 Such an offering is “a sweet savor into the Lord.”
2. When Zerubbabel and Jeshua went to restore the temple in Jerusalem they were opposed by a little flea tick named

Tatnai. When Darius the king heard of Tat's interference, he searched the records for the authority granted to Zerubbabel and Jershua and gave confirmed order that Zerubbabel and Jershua were not only to be unopposed but that they were to be assisted - "that they may offer sacrifices of sweet saviors unto the God of heaven..." (Ezra 6:10)

IV. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN HIS PEOPLE SHARE PHYSICAL PROVISION FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS.

-- Phil. 4:18 "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of E-paph-ro-di'-tus the things which were sent from you, an odour of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

V. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN HIS SERVANTS "MAKE MANIFEST THE SAVOR OF HIS KNOWLEDGE...IN EVERY PLACE"

-- II Cor 2:14-15 "14Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 15For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:"

VI. GOD SMELLS THE SWEET SAVOR WHEN WE GIVE OURSELVES AS "AN OFFERING AND A SACRIFICE TO GOD...."

-- Read Ephesians 5:2

Conclusion:

-- That is The Pleasure We Give in The Walk of Love: It may be summarized in three statements:

The pleasure we give is through

1. A life of sacrificial thanksgiving.
2. A life of unconditional surrender.
3. A life of specific service.

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