

**February 22, 2025**

Because God is loyal and faithful

**Ps. 19:14** *May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

The Hebrew word for *pleasing* is **leratzov** which means *to find favor, be accepted or delight*. It stuck me today as I was meditating on this passage, that since God made us in His image, we are patterned after Him in so many ways. This would include the area of emotions, desires or feelings.

I think that too often we might just think of a God that perfectly rules, almost like an automatic responder. We would greatly err if we take the desire of God away. The greatest part of Who He is, is found in His great love for us. In the same manner, David prays that his own words and prayers be pleasing in the sight of the LORD. In other words, David is praying that everything he says and does, would bring honor and find acceptance in the Father's heart. His heart's desire was to please his Heavenly Father.

I wonder if we take this too much for granted. Do we just expect that God will be pleased with our repeated words of praying? Or would He rather hear from our lips, what He already knows is true in our hearts? Basically, David was praying that what was in his heart would also be what was coming from his lips - transparent communication. I believe that too often, we formulate words to pray to Him rather than open up our hearts and pour out the contents of our soul. This is what He desires from us! As David was confessing his own sin before God, we see this in **Psalm 51:17**, *My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, God, will not despise.*

**Dear LORD, help us to be transparent and honest with You as we pray. You know everything about us anyway. Help us to simply come to You and pour out our souls to You in prayer. You love us so much that You want to hear our hearts. Thank You loving Father, In Jesus Name, Amen**