

Laughter Doeth Good

Pt. 1 - When God Laughs

Psalms 2:1-4, 1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. 3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

- **When God laughs, it's sometimes at us, not *with* us!**

Proverbs 1:22-27, 22 "How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? 23 If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. 24 But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, 25 since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, 26 I in turn will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you - 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you."

James 4:13-17, 13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. 17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

- **God laughs when we tell Him what we're *not* going to do!**

- **God laughs at our insolence and irreverence!**

Hebrews 12:14, Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

- **When God laughs at us, it is not in a cruel way, but in a redemptive way.**

Isaiah 53:10, Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him and make him ill. Although his soul is made a reparation offering, he will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and the desire of the LORD will succeed by his hand

What Reverence Looks Like

1. Purity in speech and conduct.

2 Corinthians 7:1, Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2. Treating each other with respect.

Ephesians 5:21, Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

3. Worshipping God faithfully.

Hebrews 12:28, Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...

4. Leading others to Christ.

1 Peter 3:1-2, 1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

- **When God laughs it should be out of joy over the souls we are leading to Christ!**

Luke 10:21, ...full of joy through the Holy Spirit...

Luke 15:7, I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.