

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE
Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren
Message Ten (Week Nine): What Makes God Smile?
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INTRODUCTION:

Numbers 6:25

PROPOSITION: From Noah's life we learn the five acts of worship that make God smile!

I. GOD SMILES WHEN WE LOVE HIM COPIOUSLY.

- A. God **Demands** Our Love. Mark. 12:30.
- B. God **Discerns** Our Love. Gen. 6:9.
- C. God **Desires** Our Love. Hosea 6:6.

II. GOD SMILES WHEN WE TRUST HIM COMPLETELY.

- A. Note the **Potential** Objections.
 - 1. Noah Could Have Made an **Experiential** Objection. Gen. 2:5, 6.
 - 2. Noah Could Have Made a **Geographical** Objection.
 - 3. Noah Could Have Made a **Logistical** Objection.
- B. Note the **Practical** Obstacles. Heb. 11:6.
 - 1. Noah Faced **Difficulties**.
 - 2. Noah Faced **Discouragement**.
 - 3. Noah Faced **Derision**.

III. GOD SMILES WHEN WE OBEY HIM CANDIDLY.

- A. We Must Obey God in Our **Assignment**. Gen. 6:22.

B. We Must Obey God with Our Attitudes. Ps. 100:2; 119:33.

C. We Must Obey God with Our Actions. John 14:15; James 2:24.

IV. GOD SMILES WHEN WE THANK HIM CONTINUALLY.

A. Consider the Supremacy of Worship. Gen. 8:20.

B. Consider the Sacrifice of Worship. Heb. 13:15; Ps. 116:17; Ps. 69:30, 31.

C. Consider the Satisfaction of Worship. Ps. 68:3.

V. GOD SMILES WHEN WE SERVE HIM CHEERFULLY. Gen. 6:1-3.

A. God Wants the Entirety of Our Lives. Ps. 37:23; 33:15.

B. God Wants Exceptionality in Our Lives. Isa. 45:9.

C. God Wants Enjoyment in Our Lives. 1 Tim. 6:17.

APPLICATION:

Point to Ponder: God smiles when I trust Him.

Question to Consider: Since God knows what is best, in what areas of my life do I need to trust Him most?