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TO THE PRAISE OF HIS NAME

I. God's Ultimate Goal

- A. What is God's Ultimate Goal?
 1. How would you answer this?
 2. But is that true or accurate?

- B. God's Ultimate Goal is His Glory - the praise of His Name
Redemptive history points to this clearly:
 1. **Creation**
Ge 1:26–27; Nu 14:21; Is 43:6–7
 2. **The Tower of Babel**
Ge 11:4
 3. **Abram and Israel**
Ge 12:1–2; Ro 4:20–22; Is 49:3
 4. **The Exodus**
Ex 14:4, 8; Eze 20:5, 8-9; Ps 106:6–8
 5. **The Wilderness Wandering**
Eze 20:21–22; Dt 9:27–29
 6. **The Beginnings of Monarchy**
1 Sa 12:19–23; Ps 25:11; Ps 23:3
 7. **The Temple of God**
1 Ki 8:28–29, 41-45
 8. **Israel's Deliverance from Enemies**
2 Ki 19:34
 9. **Israel's Captivity**
Is 48:9–11; Eze 36:22–23
 10. **Jesus' Life and Death**
Jn 4:34; Jn 17:4–5; Jn 7:18; Jn 12:27–28
 11. **The Christian Life**
1 Co 10:31; 1 Pe 4:10–11; Mt 5:14–16
 12. **The Return of Jesus**
2 Th 1:9–12; Re 21:23; Jn 17:24

II. We Glorify God Most When We Delight In Him

- A. The Pursuit of Happiness is Universal
"All men seek happiness. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves." - Blaise Pascal

B. The Pursuit of Happiness is Broken

We should never try to deny or resist our longing to be happy, as though it were a bad impulse. Instead, we should seek to intensify this longing and nourish it with whatever will provide the deepest and most enduring satisfaction.

C. The Pursuit of Happiness is Only Fulfilled in God

The deepest and most enduring happiness is found only in God.

We should not not seek pleasure...we should intensely seek it in God.

D. The Pursuit of Happiness Must be Shared

The happiness we find in God reaches its consummation when it is shared with others in the manifold ways of love.

Ps 145:4–7

E. The Pursuit of Happiness in God is Absolutely Necessary

To the extent that we try to abandon the pursuit of our own pleasure, we fail to honor God and love people. Or, to put it positively; the pursuit of pleasure is a necessary part of all worship and virtue.

III. Jesus Isn't Boring

A. The Lie

1. Jesus is boring.

B. The Result

1. Passionless, dull, aimless, sinful lives

C. The Truth

1. Jesus is the most interesting, beautiful man to ever live. (Heb 1:3–4)

D. The Result

1. Passionate, focused, God desiring/glorifying lives.
2. Examples: King David (Ps 27:4), Paul (Php 3:7–8)

IV. The Prayer Room

A. Narrowing the Distance from Glory

The mountain of God's Glory stands before us!

"True worshipers of the true God must yearn and labor for a narrowing of the distance from Majesty. They must long, for themselves and for others, to behold yet more nearly and more clearly the true and living God...as He is." - Bruce Ware

B. God wants to encounter you in this room as you minister to Him...all for the praise of His Name!