

Let Us Please the Father as Jesus Did  
(John 8:28-29)

Introduction:

1. In these verses Jesus expressed His confidence that the Father was always with Him -- "the Father hath not left me alone."
2. He also revealed the reason why He had this confidence -- "I do always those things that please Him."
3. According to 1 Peter 2:21, we are to follow the Lord's example.
4. This brings us to our theme -- "let us please the Father as Jesus did."
5. Let us begin our study by showing that . . .

Discussion:

I. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH US TO PLEASE THE FATHER

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:1
- B. 1 John 3:22

II. THE SCRIPTURES REVEAL THE KEY TO PLEASING THE FATHER

- A. (Hebrews 11:6) Faith is essential for pleasing God -- we cannot please Him without faith.
- B. The faith that pleases God consists of believing that God exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.
- C. To help us in developing and sustaining faith that pleases God, . . .

III. LET US EXAMINE PSALM 19

- A. (vs.1-6) David presented evidence that will lead us to believe that God exists.
  1. Vs.1 mentions the heavens and the firmament -- God's glory is declared by the heavens, and the firmament [sky above the earth] shows His handiwork.
  2. In addition to the heavens and the firmament, David mentioned the regular passing of day and night, and the sun's effect upon everything on the earth.
  3. These things have something to say to us.
    - a. What they say cannot be heard with the ears but with the heart.
    - b. What they say can be heard in any language.
  4. They tell us that someone created them, and their creator is powerful and intelligent.
  5. (Romans 1:20) Paul used this line of reasoning to show that "the invisible things of God" ["His eternal power and Godhead"] are revealed by the visible things of the world.
  6. Faith that pleases God includes belief that God exists.
  7. The Creation presents evidence that there is a God in heaven.
- B. (vs.7-11) David showed how God's Word teaches us how to diligently seek Him.
  1. David referred to God's Word as "the law of the Lord," "the testimony of the Lord," "the statutes of the Lord," "the commandment of the Lord," and "the judgments of the Lord."
  2. David described God's Word as being "perfect," "sure," right," "pure," and "true and righteous altogether."
  3. David listed the benefits of God's Word -- it converts [restores] the soul, it makes the simple wise, it causes the heart to rejoice, it enlightens the eyes, and it provides warnings.
  4. (vs.10-11) David emphasized the value of God's Word.
    - a. It is more precious than fine gold and sweeter than honey from the comb.
    - b. Those who keep God's Word will receive a great reward.
  5. As we listen to God's Word, we learn how to come to God, we learn how to please Him, and we learn about the reward He provides.
- C. (vs.12-14) David showed how he endeavored to please God.
  1. (vs.12) He asked for understanding of his errors and cleansing from sin.
  2. (vs.13) He asked for help in refraining from presumptuous sins so he could remain upright and innocent.
  3. (vs.14) He requested that his words and the meditation of his heart to be acceptable in God's sight (Psalm 139:23-24).

Conclusion:

1. Jesus always pleased the Father; faith will enable us to follow His example.
2. Let us give heed to the faith-building message presented in Psalm 19.