

**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
LIVING IN THE CHURCH AS THE HOUSE OF GOD**

Message Two

**Enjoying God in the House of God**

Scripture Reading: Psa. 23:6; 26:8; 27:4; 34:8a; 36:8-9

- I. God is a God of joy, and He wants us to enjoy Him—Rom. 15:13; John 15:11; 17:13; Acts 13:52; Gal. 5:22:**
- A. As believers, we need to focus on the enjoyment of God and see that God’s desire is to give Himself to us to be our enjoyment—John 1:1, 14, 16-17.
  - B. God in Christ presents Himself to us for our enjoyment; thus, we should come to Him with the thought of enjoying Him—Psa. 36:8-9.
  - C. We need to enjoy God in the church as the house of God—34:8a; 36:8-9.
- II. “I will dwell in the house of Jehovah / For the length of my days”—23:6b:**
- A. God’s house is our dwelling place where we enjoy the Triune God—the Son’s grace, the Father’s love, and the Spirit’s fellowship—2 Cor. 13:14.
  - B. The house of Jehovah is the enlarged, universal divine-human incorporation—the Father’s house for His manifestation, satisfaction, and rest—John 14:2, 20.
- III. “O Jehovah, I love the habitation of Your house, / And the place where Your glory abides”—Psa. 26:8:**
- A. In this verse, to abide means to remain for manifestation.
  - B. We should love the habitation of God’s house and the place where His glory abides, remains, to be manifested—84:1; 29:9b.
- IV. “One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple”—27:4:**
- A. Our God is a lovable person with a lovely dwelling place; God Himself is enjoyable, and His dwelling place is also enjoyable.
  - B. The Hebrew word for *beauty* implies loveliness, pleasantness, and delightfulness; when we behold God’s beauty, we are in a very pleasant atmosphere—Exo. 24:9-11; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- V. “Taste and see that Jehovah is good”—Psa. 34:8a:**
- A. This tasting and seeing must be in God’s house, His dwelling place.
  - B. We taste and see that God is good in His house—in Christ, in the church, and, ultimately, in the New Jerusalem.
- VI. “They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. / For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light”—36:8-9:**
- A. We can be saturated with the fatness, the abundance, the riches, the fullness, within God’s house—v. 8a.
  - B. In God’s house we can drink of the river of God’s pleasures—v. 8b.

- C. In God's house we share the fountain of the life of God—v. 9a.
- D. In God's house we see light in God's divine light—v. 9b.
- E. In the house of God, we enjoy the river of life, the tree of life, the fountain of life, and the light of life:
  - 1. In Christ and in the church, we enjoy the located God as the fatness to saturate us, the river of life to quench our thirst, the tree of life to feed us, and the light of life to enlighten us.
  - 2. This enjoyment will lead us to the New Jerusalem, where we will be saturated with the fruit of the tree of life, drink of the river of water of life, share of the fountain of God's life, and see light in God's divine light; this will be the consummate enjoyment of God in the house of God—Rev. 22:1-2, 5.

**VII. “Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, / God shines forth”—Psa. 50:2:**

- A. The shining forth of God out of His house is the dispensing of His goodness.
- B. Under such a shining, we enjoy God in Christ—cf. Num. 6:25.