He Always Does Those Things That Please the Father

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Jesus said, "'I have many things to say and to judge about you; but <u>He</u> (<u>the Father</u>) who sent Me <u>is true</u>; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard from <u>Him</u>.' But they did not understand that He spoke to them about the Father. Then Jesus said unto them, 'When you have lifted up <u>the Son of Man (Jesus</u> speaking of Himself, and His death on the Cross for our salvation), then you shall know that <u>I am He</u>, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And <u>He</u> who sent Me <u>is with Me</u>. <u>The Father has not left Me alone; for I always do those things that please Him (the Father)</u>. As He spoke these words, <u>many believed on Him</u>." (John 8:26-30)

I: from the Greek word <u>ego</u> which means: <u>I</u> (first person singular personal pronoun); i.e. Jesus speaking of Himself ...

Always do: from the Greek words *poio pantote* which mean: <u>do always</u>, or <u>always do</u>; in the sense that Jesus never fails to do all of what the Father has told Him to do.

Those-things: from the Greek word <u>ta</u> which means: <u>those-things</u>, the-things, (it is the definite-article plural); or '<u>that</u>' in a plural sense. In context Jesus is saying that everything that He has heard from the Father (the commands, the words to speak, the actions to perform, even all the will of the Father for His Son Jesus to do: all those-things Jesus does because it pleases the Father that He (Jesus) should do and accomplish those-things!

Please: from the Greek word <u>aresta</u> which means: <u>pleasing</u>, or agreeable. In context: all that Jesus does is suitable, correct, and acceptable to the Father, in fulfillment of the Father's good pleasure, and expectations in His Son Jesus.

Him: from the Greek word <u>auto</u> which means: Him (personal possessive pronoun - 3rd person singular); in context: speaking of God the Father - in that He receives good pleasure in all that His Son Jesus does.

Literal: "For I, those-things pleasing to Him, do always."

The supreme goal of Christ Jesus was and is to please His Father. And to please His Father Jesus submitted Himself to His sacrificial death by crucifixion on the Cross on Calvary, for the forgiveness of sins for all who will believe on Him. The Father Himself affirmed His Pleasure in Jesus. It is clearly understood that the Father was altogether pleased with Jesus. Consider the following:

At His Baptism:

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus was also baptized, and while praying, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice (from the Father) came from heaven, which said, 'You are My Beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22) (see also Matthew 3:13-17, and Mark 1:9-11)

In fulfillment of Prophecy:

"Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him (against Jesus), how they might destroy Him. But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and (He) charged them that they should not make Him known; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, 'Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen; My beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry-out; nor shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He shall not break, and smoking flax He shall not quench, until He sends forth judgment unto victory.' And in His Name shall the Gentiles trust." (Matthew 12:14-21) (quote is from Isaiah 42:1-3)

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At the Transfiguration of Jesus:

"And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up onto a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And His face did shine like the sun, and His garments were white as light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. Then Peter answered, and said unto Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you Him.' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were very afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, except Jesus only." (Matthew 17:1-8) (see also Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36)

As stated above, Jesus came into the world to be the savior of the world – even to all those who believe on Him. The Father's will and good pleasure in and through His Son Jesus was fulfilled and accomplished for the Father on <u>our behalf</u>; that is on behalf of believers: the forgiveness of our sins through the death of Christ Jesus, and then the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Please <u>consider</u> 'some' of those pleasing things that Jesus did, and accomplished, and finished, in obedience to the Father's will and pleasure:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him (before the Father) in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the Beloved (Jesus); in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. according to the riches of His (the Father's) grace; in which He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His **good pleasure** which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him; in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ; in whom you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; in whom also after you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise, which (or who) is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (believers in Jesus), unto the praise of His glory. Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; so the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, you may know what is the hope of **His** calling, and what the riches of the glory of **His** inheritance in the saints; and what is the exceeding greatness of **His** power towards us who believe, according to the working of **His** mighty power, which **He** worked in Christ." (Ephesians 1:1-19)

Good Pleasure:

from the Greek word <u>eudokian</u> which means: <u>good-pleasure</u>, good-will, good-favor; in context It was the Father's Good Pleasure to send Jesus to be our Savior from our sins.

And Jesus Himself pleased the Father by humbling Himself in obedience in all things:

Jesus prayed to the Father: "I have glorified You on the earth; <u>I have finished the work which You gave Me to do</u>. And now, O Father, <u>glorify Me with Your own Self</u> with the glory which I had with You <u>before the world existed</u>.' " (John 17:4-5)

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Jesus said, "But now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this purpose I have come unto this hour. Father, glorify Your name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.' Therefore, the people who stood nearby, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, An angel spoke to Him. Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world (satan) be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.' This He said, signifying what kind of death He should die." (John 12:27-33)

While on the Cross, "After this, Jesus knowing that <u>all things were now accomplished</u>, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst.' Now there was nearby a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, '<u>It is finished</u>.' And He bowed His head, and gave up His Spirit." (John 19:28-30)

Because Jesus was obedient and faithful <u>in all things</u> that were certainly pleasing to the Father; **therefore**, <u>it pleased the Father Himself</u> to honor the Son:

"... He (the Father) raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, and set Him at His own Right Hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:15-23)

Jesus "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for through Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **so that in all things He might have the preeminence**. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; through Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:15-20)

Our focus in this devotional has been the Father and Son's master plan of Salvation of mankind from sin. However, there are many many more things that Jesus did to please the Father; in pleasing deeds it is as John wrote:

"And there are also many other things (besides the things that Jesus did, as recorded in John's Gospel account) which Jesus did, of which, if they should be written every one (in detail), I suppose that even the world itself **could not contain** the books that should be written. Amen". (John 21:25)

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It was the Father's Good Pleasure <u>towards us</u>, that His Beloved Son Jesus should please the Father by becoming the Savior of mankind!!

This Jesus Did on the Cross! This Jesus accomplished when He said "It is finished"!!

And thus, it Pleased the Father to to Greatly Honor Jesus above all beings!!

And many more things did Jesus do to please the Father!!

All Praise, and Honor, and Glory, and Dominion, and Power – be to You Lord Jesus!
All Praise, and Honor, and Glory, and Dominion, and Power to the Father who sent His
Beloved Son Jesus to be our Savior!!

Amen and Amen !!