

Does God laugh?

Sermon Summary 1/4

Sermon Series: Questions we may not ask of God.

What a wonderful question. Not one we'd think to ask of God but hope that he would. What makes you laugh?

At the very beginning of the Bible, at the start of God's revelation of himself and his unfolding plan for us, we read that God made people, men and woman, in his image (Genesis 1:27) What does that mean? It means that although we don't look like God, we are like God in many ways. We can display in our person God like behaviours. For example, we can think, speak, care, appreciate and laugh! And with that, a responsibility to be like God, do what God desires and expects of us - as his appointed carer of people, creatures and the world he's made. I believe that all the special things we can do as humans like laughing reflect a part of who God is so that we will relate to God, understand God respect and befriend him. Ultimately, love him.

There is not much in the Bible about God laughing. But in Zephaniah 3 verse 17 we read "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

The Bible does tell us about times when God laughs in a different way. At foolish people because they think they can get away with making fun of God. Even fight against him. They ignore God and what he has said. They joke about him, tell lies about him and think they are clever. Even cleverer than God! And some think they are doing the rest of us a favour. Encouraging us to do what they do. We read in the Bible that God laughs at these people. Not to be mean, but because He knows that He is God and God alone. One day, such behaviour can't and won't go unpunished. He will have the last say. Or last laugh. For example, In Psalm 2 (See over).

Does God laugh? Yes. God laughs. When we rejoice God rejoices with us and over us. It's good to be saved. To be safe from God's different laughter; saved and safe in the arms of Christ Jesus. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Amen.

A Bible Study – Does God laugh?

Begin with prayer asking God to teach you of himself from his word.

Firstly, before going on read the Sermon Summary (See over)

Read Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³ "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶ "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷ I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.

⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

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Questions of the passage:

1. Does God laugh? Are we told?
2. What does he laugh about? What kind of way does he laugh?
3. Why does he laugh at that? Is it right for God to laugh like that?
4. Are we given any warning or advice? Why?

Close with a prayer mindful of what you have learnt of God from his word?