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“Pleasing Partnership”

“...Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is working until now, and I am working.’”
(John 5:17)

Descending & Ascending

Matthew 3:16-17 – (16) “And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;** (17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, **‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’**”

John 1:51 – “And (*Jesus*) said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and **the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**”

John 8:29 – “And he who sent me is with me. **He has not left me alone,** for I (*Jesus*) always do the things that are **pleasing to him.**”

Divine Aid

John 14:16-18 – (16) “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Hebrews 13:20-21 – (20) “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, (21) equip you with everything good that you may do his will, **working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,** through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”_

Key Point: God Helps Me to Please Him
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Dutiful Abiding

1 John 2:27-28 – (27) “But **the anointing that you received from him abides in you,** and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you** about everything—and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you—**abide in him.** (28) **And now, little children, abide in him,** so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

Dichotomous Acceptance

Philippians 2:12-13 – (12) “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,* (13) *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

What do I need to do to bear fruit for God’s glory? (John 15:4-5, 8)

Is pleasing God important to me? (2 Cor. 5:9) Should it be? (2 Cor. 5:10)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)