

When Your Wishes Come True
Psalm 37:1-11, I Corinthians 2:6-10
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“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

■ Ian asked me “In heaven, will all our wishes come true?”

1. Heaven will be better than we imagine!

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- I look forward to seeing my parents and grand-parents, friends and church members ...
- But in comparison with seeing Jesus, that won't really matter.
- Will there be pets in heaven? Maybe.
- Revelation 21:1 says, ***“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”*** How can it be heaven without the beach??

2. Sometimes we desire less than the best.

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- What we really want is happiness. Beatitude.
- What we really want is the Kingdom of God.
- We think we'll get that from cars or money or romance or prestige.

- These desires can choke the Word right out of us.

3. Our desires change.

- What was something you loved as a kid but don't like so much now?
- When I was a kid I loved to watch Batman and the Monkees.
- When you were 5 years old, would you have rather had a hot dog or a perfectly cooked juicy slab of prime rib? Which would you rather have now?
- Would you prefer a cup of Kool-aid or a glass of fine wine?
- Would you have rather had a tinker toy or a tax break?

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4. God fulfills right desires.

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- Ian wanted Pokemon to be real.
- Maybe God gives something even better!
- When we delight ourselves in the Lord, our desires start to change.
- We desire what is better.
- Scot's Confession says we begin to hate what we once loved and love what we once hated.
- If you desire things that will satisfy your greed, your lusts, your bent toward revenge, it doesn't say God will give you that.

- If you desire things that build up your pride, prestige and ego so you can feel better than others, it doesn't say God will give you that.
- But as you delight yourself in the Lord your desires start to change.
- If you want to be more loving ...
- If you want greater intimacy with God ...
- If you want joy, and peace and patience and kindness ...
- Delight yourself in the Lord and He WILL give you the desires of your heart.
- So in heaven all our wishes will come true, but our wishes might be different. They'll be better.
- And that isn't just true in heaven, after we die.

5. Life (here-and-now) can be better than we imagine.
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- You and I can live in God's presence now.
- We can abide in Christ.
- Gospel
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