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“GOD DELIGHTS IN HOLY PEOPLE OFFERING THEIR PRAISES TO HIM.”

READ

Psalm 29:2, and 96:9

As a boy, I would come home from school and head to the woods to practice shooting. One day nearing home, I smelled mom's cooking. I rushed up on the porch, laid the shotgun down, and started into the house. My mother said, "You can't come in here!" I said, "What are you talking about? I'm your son. I'm hungry!" She said, "Look all over you!" Going through the weeds, I had collected a whole lot of "beggar lice" — those fuzzy, sticky, little seeds. Picking them off my clothes one by one took me a while, but I came back, and said, "Is this good?" Mom said, "Sure, now you can sit." See, I didn't go hunting for beggar lice. I went to enjoy the woods, but just by being there, I accumulated beggar lice. Living in this world is like that. You don't go out to accumulate sin; you go out to serve the Lord, but because sin is out there, you accumulate worldly things. You're covered, tired, and tangled. There comes a time when you have to say to Him, "God, I want everything out of my life that is questionable. I don't want to say anything, think anything, or do anything that is even slightly questionable, because I want my worship to please You."

PRAY

Jesus, help me to serve You, no other person or thing. Show me the "beggar lice" in my life and help me lay aside the sin which so easily entangles me. I want to live a life of true worship, pleasing to You.

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