

Enjoyment

1 Timothy 6:17 "... the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

Hebrews 11:25 speaks of the enjoyment of sin as temporary. Both reference this word "enjoy" What does it mean? Expositor's reads, "No good purpose is served by pretending that God did not intend us to enjoy the pleasurable sensations of ... life." [4:3] "forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving "

Proverbs 7:18 in the Septuagint translates "Come and let us enjoy affection until the dawn. Come and let us be in an erotic embrace." The NET reads "Come, let's drink deeply of [get intoxicated in or satiated with] lovemaking until morning, let's delight ourselves with sexual intercourse." Solomon warns his son, here, of the enticements of prostitution.

On the idea of erotic love, the word is found in our Bible only in Proverbs [7:18 & 30:16].

Proverbs 30:16 refers to the "[erotic] love of a woman." Every other translation reads " the barren womb." [The Modern Greek agrees with the English.] The Proverb is saying that these things are never satisfied, insatiable: the grave and the barren womb.

The Hebrew word for "womb" here can also mean compassion, since both ideas describe a softness or tenderness—the one toward the unborn and the other in love, including the love of a woman. Either way, a Jewish mother can never have too many sons, the earth will drink all the water God gives it, the grave accepts all who die and a man's love for a women also can never be satisfied.

The Greek translation interprets this by the word "enjoy" to describe those things that either benefit the recipient or bring pleasure. And lest we misrepresent this all as some

In the Wisdom literature we read [2:6] "Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are here, and make use of creation with youthful zest."

Joy

John 15:11 NET "I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete."

Star Trek-Data

"For 34 years, I have endeavored to become more Human. To grow beyond my original programming. Still, I am unable to grasp such a basic concept as humor. This emotion chip... may be the only answer." – Data, 2371 (Star Trek Generations). The emotion chip was a device designed by Dr. Noonian Soong to allow his creation Data to experience Human emotions.

Luxury

I wonder if anyone has made a study that explains why God's Garden at times beginning was named "Eden."

It will follow, if these distinctions have been rightly- drawn, that

- The *σπαταλάω* [pleasure, 1 Tim 5:6]
 - might properly be laid to the charge of the Prodigal, scattering his substance in riotous living
- The *στρηνιάω*, who live deliciously, wanton, wasteful, Rev. 18:7-8; Luke xv. 13);
 - the wanton Jeshurun, when, waxing fat, he kicked (Deut. xxxii. 15).
- the *τροφή* [lived luxuriously, always on vacation-no work]
 - to the Rich Man faring sumptuously every day ("There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day, Luke xvi. 19);

Passibility

Do angels have feelings? Do angels get emotional? Are angels passible? If emotions are the result of neural impulses, the answer must be "No" because these required a physical body.

And what about sentient consciousness, the ability to express and be aware of feelings?

Does God Have Emotions? Thomas Aquinas famously argued that God does not have emotions. "Every passion of the appetite takes place through some bodily change," said Aquinas about emotions. None of this can take place in God, since He is not a body." Aquinas also ... thought God was unchanging in all respects. Many early Christians, consequently, claimed that a perfectly moral God would not feel or express emotions. God is emotionless (apathetic), they said, despite ample scriptural witness to the contrary.

Interesting as always, Thomas. But I'm really stuck on this question of how a non-corporeal being can have emotions. I have no intellectual trouble with anthropomorphic and anthropopathic biblical language in principle. Maimonides's view that this is the only language humans can use to delineate how G-D seems, to our embodied selves, to relate to us, and how we experience Him, works for me.

[see <https://thomasjayoord.com/index.php/blog/archives/does-god-have-emotions>].