



The GOODNESS of GOD

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*Oh, taste and see **that the LORD is good**; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; **But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.** Psalm 34:8-10*

*Do not be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters! **Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven**; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, **who does not change** or cause darkness by turning. James 1:16-17*

I. God is Good and His Goodness is Unchanging

God the Creator of the universe does not change. Unlike the moon and other heavenly lights, which He created, God Himself does not ever vary. He is **always the same, He gives good today**, He will not give evil tomorrow.

*And he said, “, show me glory”, Then He said, “**will make all My goodness pass before you**, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. will be gracious to whom I will be, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” Exodus 33:18-19*

***Oh, how great is Your goodness**, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men! Psalm 31:19*

He is a good God, whose goodness is simple to understand but so vast it is impossible to fully know.

God is consistent and we can count on Him always being the same.

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.** John 10:10*

Core Point: God is infinitely and unchangeably good; it is who He is. We were created for the purpose of discovering the goodness of God and celebrating the fullness of it in our lives.

A. He bestows His goodness to us.

*I will mention the **loving kindnesses of the Lord** And the praises of the Lord, **According to all that the Lord has bestowed on us**, And **the great goodness** toward the house of Israel, **Which He has bestowed on them** according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His loving kindnesses. Isaiah 63:7*

***In His goodness** He chose to make us His own children by giving us His true word. And we, out of all creation, became His choice possession. James 1:18*

B. His goodness preserves and protects us.

*Who redeems **your life from destruction**, Who crowns you with **loving kindness and tender mercies.** Psalm 103:4*

C. We should never doubt God's goodness.

Man's first sin is his present sin as well, doubting the goodness of God.

Satan has continued to strike man with the same strategy, to doubt God's word and His goodness.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38

II. We are Stewards of His Goodness

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all people**, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Gal. 6:10*

God is good. Because He is good, He does good. Since He does good, He expects us to **demonstrate** His goodness.

A. God's goodness should be your companion in life at all times.

B. God's goodness should impact your relationships.

C. You must always contend to hold onto God's goodness.

*Surely **goodness and mercy shall follow me** All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. Psa. 23:6*

Core Statement: I am created to discover the fullness of God's goodness. My life is a continued journey of a discovery of His goodness towards me, and also to be a quality I release in the lives of others.