

God Is Good

- *Psalm 34:8*

- ***“O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”***

➤ **Such a simple phrase, yet a never ending and profound statement in each of our lives, God Is Good.**

- Have you ever thought about how good God really is to you?
- I'm not necessarily talking about the money in your bank account right now or what kind of car you drove to church.
- What I am talking about specifically today are the provisions that God gives to us each and every day, many times without us even thinking about them and sadly without us even thanking Him for them.

➤ **Maybe you are here this morning and this has been a horrible week, a horrible month, maybe even a tough year so far, and you say, “Well to be honest with you, God really hasn't been that good to me, I've had it pretty rough. There are a lot of people who have it easier than I do.”**

- If you are here this morning and that statement has crossed your mind or even dare to come from your lips, let me just say as simple and as emphatically as I know how, “God has been good to you, as a matter of fact He has been better to you than you deserve.”
 - You may say, “You don't know me, how could you say that. You don't understand what I have been through.”
 - It's not a matter of whether I understand all that you have been through in your life or not, according to the Word of God, God has been good to each and every person sitting here this morning.
- The amazing thing in scripture is that creation in and of itself understands and knows that God is good and yet we, the very ones that were created in His likeness, don't even at times acknowledge the goodness of God.

➤ **I think this is in part because as we look back over our life, for some reason our minds are conditioned to often times only think of the struggles that we have had in our life, only the dark times, only the difficult days.**

- Sickness
- Death of family
- Times without a job
- Marriage struggles
- Financial issues
- And the more we dwell on these things many times the less we think about what God HAS given to us and what He HAS provided for us.

➤ **So this morning if you have come today and as I bring up the title of this message you say in your mind, “I don't have a lot to be thankful for”, my prayer is that by the time we dismiss you will have changed your heart and mind about the goodness of God.**

I. **God Is Good To All (Psalm 145:9)**

- **“The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”**
 - a. **God Is Good Because He Doesn't Care Where You Come From**

- i. So much of our life is wrapped up in trying to impress others and get ahead in life by pleasing them and winning their favor.
 1. We spend a large majority of our lives in our career trying to impress and please those in authority over us.
 2. Many times when we don't have the right kind of friends, we can spend a lot of our time searching for ways to impress them just to keep their friendship.
- ii. But one of the great things about God is, you can't impress Him, you can't "win" His favor or His love, He already loves you anyway regardless of where you are.
 1. In my opinion, that is one of the great things about God and His love for us.
 - a. To the one who was before the religious leaders caught in the act of adultery, God loved her just as she was.
 - b. To the great warrior of God who committed adultery & then murder to cover up his sins, God still loved him in his sin.
 - c. To the disciple who would deny that he even knew the very One that he pledged his love for just days earlier, God still loved him, mistakes and all.
 - d. To the man who made it his life's mission to bring ridicule and punishment to any who professed God, God still saw fit to love even Saul.
 - e. No matter where you are this morning, no matter where you have come from, no matter what sin you have in your life right now, God still loves you.
 2. And though God loves us all exactly where we are, His love is so great for us that His love will not allow us to stay where we are.
 - a. To the woman caught in the act of adultery, God desired for her to turn from her lifestyle and begin living for Him.
 - b. David could not undo what he had done, but God desired of David for him to once again be a man after God's own heart.
 - c. Yes Peter denied the Son of God before his peers, but Jesus continued on to the cross as an example of His love for Peter.
 - d. When Saul met God on the Damascus Road, his life changed from one who hated God and those that served Him to a man with a passion for the unsaved and an undying desire to serve God in his life.

b. God Is Good Because His Love Applies To ALL

- i. Aren't you glad this morning that Jesus gave His life for the world instead of just a select few?
- ii. Aren't you glad His love doesn't just apply to those that live a perfect and sinless life?
- iii. Aren't you glad He didn't die for those you make a certain amount of money?
- iv. Aren't you glad He didn't just die for those who come to church on Sunday night?
- v. Yes we are reminded time and time again throughout our life of the marvelous passage in John 3 where the Bible tells us that God died for ALL THE WORLD, for all who would call upon Him as Lord of their life.

II. God Is Good In Every Situation (Nahum 1:2-7)

- o **"God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.**

The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.”

a. God Is Good Even In The Storms

i. God is good because He cares for His people.

1. He is a refuge for those that trust in Him, but He is an “overwhelming flood” to those who are His enemies.
2. As you read this passage of scripture you see a God is a jealous God and One who will protect His people from the enemy.
 - a. We serve a God that delivered His children from the hand of the Egyptians.
 - b. We serve a God who delivered some young men from a fiery furnace without even the smell of smoke on their clothing.
 - c. God delivered Daniel from the mouths of hungry lions.
 - d. And that same God today can deliver you from any storm you are facing in your life today.

ii. God is better to us than a lot of our friends. Do you know why? Because He will stick with you through the storms.

1. When times get tough, God is there.
2. When surprises come your way, God is there, never surprised.
3. When you are fearful of what tomorrow holds, you have One who holds you and tomorrow and has already conquered tomorrows fears.

b. God Is Good Because Of His Blessings In Times Past

i. One of the very things that dictates that God is not only good today but will be in the future is the fact of the goodness that has been given to us in the past.

1. How many times has God done wonders and even miracles in our life that only He could do? That proves that God is Good!
2. How many times has God worked things out financially for you & your family and you never would have expected Him to do it the way that He did? That’s the goodness of God!
3. How many times has God protected you from injury or sickness or even death that maybe you don’t even realize still today? You see, that proves just how good God really is.

ii. What am I trying to say? Any time you get down in your life and you begin wondering why you have it so bad or if God really loves you, can I challenge you just to think back on the goodness of God in your life. I think you will be encouraged.

III. God Is Good Even When We’re Not (Psalm 100:5; Lamentations 3:25)

a. God Is Good Because He Cares For You (Psalm 100:5)

o “For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

- i. Over and over in scripture, we are reminded time and time again of how much God loves us.
 1. From creation, to God’s provision & protection, to His forgiveness & love, to the sending of His Only Son to bore the sins of all mankind on the cross of Calvary and conquer death for eternity, God has proven that He cares for us.
 2. Our circumstances will change from day to day, but God is ALWAYS good, loving, merciful and kind and He never changes.
 - a. Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

b. God Is Good Because He Gave You This Opportunity (Lamentation 3:25)

o “The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.”

- i. There are many people who have passed from this life that have no more opportunities to turn to Christ, their eternity is sealed. But God has given you another opportunity by allowing you to be here today.
- ii. Tomorrow, you may not be here. Next week, your eternity may very well be sealed. But you do have today, you do have this very moment to trust in Christ.
- iii. God is gracious, God is great in faithfulness, and God is good – regardless of what we see or how we feel. But it up to you to seek Him out & make your choice to draw closer to Him and follow Him.
- iv. Will you do it today? Have you fully trusted in Him? Have you given your heart and life to a God that has been good to you?
- v. Christian, is there any sin in your heart that you need to confess this morning? God is good because He promised to forgive us if we would humbly come before Him.