

# How Great Is Thy Goodness

*Ps. 31:19-24*

# *Introduction*

- The Attributes of Deity:
  - Everlasting. (Hab. 1:12)
  - Immortal. (I Tim. 1:17)
  - All-wise. (Col. 2:3)
  - Omnipotent. (Jer. 32:17)
  - Righteous. (Gen. 18:25)
  - Absolutely holy. (I Pet. 1:16)
  - Good. (Ps. 31:19; Ex. 33:19; Matt. 19:16-17; Rom. 11:22)
    - God is kind, generous, morally good, does that which is beneficial for us. God always acts in accord with what is true, right and good.

# *God Is The Source of All That Is Good*

- The goodness of God is emphasized from the beginning. (Gen. 1:4, 10, 18, 31; I Tim. 4:4)
  - God made us fearfully and wonderfully – in His image. (Ps. 139:14; Gen. 1:26)
  - God created the earth for man's habitation. (Gen. 1:28-30; 2:8-9; Acts 17:25-26)
  - God is mindful of us. (Ps. 8:3-9; esp. v. 4; Acts 14:17; Matt. 5:45; 6:33)
  - God provided the marriage relationship. (Gen. 2:18ff)
  - Js. 1:17 → “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights

# God Is Good In The Spiritual Realm

- In revealing Himself and His will to us.
  - We are not sufficient to guide ourselves. (Jer. 10:23)
  - God has revealed His existence with powerful evidence through creation. (Ps. 19:1-6; Rom. 1:20)
  - God has revealed His will through His word. (Ps. 19:7-14; Matt. 7:21)
  - God's word is complete and furnishes us completely. (II Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 119:105)
  - The gospel is the good news of salvation. (Isa. 40:9; 41:27; 52:7; 61:6 → Rom. 1:16-17)

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- In His grace and mercy to sinners.
  - All have sinned. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Lk. 18:13)
- 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:3-5)

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- In the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for our sins.
  - Rom. 8:28-32 → 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* (cf. Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:6-8)

# *Responding To The Goodness of God.*

- The goodness of God is a perspective from which we must view all of God's commands, including his prohibitions. (Deut. 6:24)
  - Satan first attack was against the goodness of God as he tempted Eve, and undermined her confidence in His goodness. (Gen. 3:1-2,5)
  - Once Eve doubted the goodness of God, it was much easier to disobey Him. (Gen. 3:5-6) Satan works the same way today.
  - What a good God forbids is evil, and what a good God commands is good. (Isa. 5:20)
  - God is always good. (Ps. 100:5)
- It is good to draw near to God. (Ps. 73:1, 28)
- The goodness of God must lead us to repentance. (Rom. 2:4; Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38)