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God is good

You may remember when people would greet each other and gatherings would call out antiphonally,

God is good all the time!

All the time God is good!

We may not hear that frequently today, but the truth behind it is an eternal truth — God is good, always, forever.

People tend to think and talk about the goodness of God more when life is going well than when it is not, than when life is difficult, when disappointments, losses, failures are center stage.



You may have seen the recent news account of an athlete being injured in the early part of the last game of her career. The reports tell us that in response to her injury she said,

“I’m not a religious person or anything and if there was a God, this is proof that there isn’t.”

These words reveal a common view of good — good is, God is good when life goes well for me, however I define that.

We need to take a step back and think about goodness, about what God being good means.

Psalm 119 verse 18 tells us “You [God] are good and You do good.”

Psalm 106 opens, “Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

The next Psalm sings back as it opens, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

When the Bible declares that God is good it speaks of His nature, what He is, what He always is and does. Just as God is love, holy, righteous, faithful and unchanging, God is good. All of His qualities go together.

That God is good means, from the negative, that there is no evil or sin in God. From the positive it means that God is and always does that which is pure, holy, loving and righteous.

As it has been said, “bad things happen to God’s people.” God gives example after example of this in the Bible, starting with Abel, on through Job and so many others. God is good, good to you all the time, when the sun is shining and when the storms are raging. Yes, God allows evil and sin in this world, but He never is, He never does anything evil or sinful.

Whatever is going on in your life, frame those things in the reality that God is good to you now, always. And in all circumstances and times look for, make note of and remember the goodness of God to you. Join in singing to God,

“I love you Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All the days I’ve been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God.

You have led me through the fire and in darkest night You are close like no other. I’ve known You as a Father, I’ve known You as a Friend, and I have lived in the goodness of God.”

Yes, know and thank God that you are living in His goodness today.

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