

## The Attributes of God: Week 4, Goodness

**When we speak of the goodness of God, we do not mean:**

**-Moral goodness:** God is holy, righteous and morally good, flawless in fact. However that specific attribute would be; **'The Righteousness of God.'**

**When we speak of the goodness of God, we mean:**

**-The benevolence of God towards man:** The goodness of God is what inclines Him to be kind, loving, gracious, benevolent and full of goodwill towards mankind.

**-Something that God is:** Divine goodness, as one of God's attributes, is not something God wants to be, tries to be, decides to be, is more often than not...Being good & loving is something that God is and always will be, by very nature.

**-Something that is immutable:** Since God is immutable (unchanging), He never varies in the intensity of His loving-kindness. He has never been kinder than He now is, nor will He ever be less kind.

*He is tenderhearted and of quick sympathy, and His unfailing attitude toward all moral beings is open, frank, and friendly. By His nature He is inclined to bestow blessedness and He takes holy pleasure in the happiness of His people. (A.W Tozer)*

**Personal Notes:**

**What does the Bible say about God's goodness?**

**Read:** Psalm 136:1, 145:9, 86:5, 25:7-8, 31:19

**Read:** The prodigal son: Luke 15:11-32 & Unmerciful servant: Matt 18:21-35

**The goodness of God is not simply a theology to be treasured  
...but a reality to be felt and experienced.**

**Personal Notes:**

How should this affect me?

See Romans 1:20-21

**#1 The goodness of God** *should* put me on my knees in \_\_\_\_\_  
...because only a good God is praise \_\_\_\_\_.

**#2 The goodness of God** *should* lift my hands in \_\_\_\_\_  
...because without a good God I wouldn't have a single \_\_\_\_\_.

See Hebrews 11:6

**#3 The goodness of God** *should* lead me to \_\_\_\_\_  
that God is truly good & gracious, eager & ready to \_\_\_\_\_.

**#4 The goodness of God** *should* lead me to turn to him with \_\_\_\_\_  
...because I know that **in him**, I will find more goodness, joy & satisfaction  
than anywhere or anything \_\_\_\_\_.

See Matthew 18:32-33

**#5 The goodness of God** *should* give us confidence that God will \_\_\_\_\_  
...any debt, from any debtor who humbly turns to him as their \_\_\_\_\_.

**#6 The goodness of God** *should* empower us to be good to \_\_\_\_\_  
...the goodness shown to us should be readily imitated and \_\_\_\_\_.

See Matthew 7:9-11

**#7 The goodness of God** *should* lead us to take our needs to God  
in \_\_\_\_\_...knowing that no matter what the response may be, we can  
trust his good \_\_\_\_\_.

See Romans 8:28

**#8 The goodness of God** *should* lead us to understand that as his children he  
is always seeking our good...his infinite wisdom plans what his infinite power  
makes possible for our greatest spiritual gain.

*\*Matthew 7:9-11 doesn't say that a good God will 'never give us a snake'. (See Acts 28:3)*

*If the snake bite reveals to the doctor a hidden tumor...praise God for the snake. If the snake bites you on the road to town...trust that there must have been greater danger in the town.*