

He Is So Good

Remember this: your <u>concept</u> of God or what you think He is in your <u>heart</u> really matters.

Last week we have found: God is a **Person**

John 10:10

Life – zoe – A life that manifests from \underline{who} and \underline{what} God is

All He is – is what we can <u>be</u>

In studying the attributes of God – He is **good**

Psalm 119:68

Think with me \rightarrow How our life would change if we just **believe** this verse?

- 1. God is **good** and He does **good**.
- 2. God's intentions and His motives are **good**.

First:

A. God is **completely good**.

 He isn't partially good, or sort of good, He is perfectly good.

- 3. It is impossible for God to be anything <u>less than</u> completely what He is He is the <u>fullness</u> of what He is and He is the <u>complete</u> picture not lacking in any part of Himself.
 - So, God is **perfectly**, **completely** good.

Exodus 33:18-19, Moses asks to see God's glory so watch this:

Exodus 33:18

Exodus 33:19

4. What God is famous for is His **goodness** – and or the what! **Good** is He.

Moses wanted to know God **personally**!

Moses said: I have experienced you in your power, but God, show me who You <u>really</u> are! Show me the <u>deepest</u> thing about you.

- So God said, the deepest thing you could know about My character is: God is good.
- 5. All that there is that is good, He is.

Exodus 34:6-7

 Notice: verse 7 says, "forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin"

Verse 6 shows several of His attributes:

- The **Lord**
- The Lord God
- Merciful
- Gracious
- Longsuffering

Why is He, the Lord, merciful, gracious and longsuffering?

Answer: Because He **abounds** in goodness and truth

- 6. All of God's attributes flow from His goodness.
- 7. It's impossible to preach on just **one** attribute because it's all tied up in one package called: **God**.

In my study, I found:

- God is **infinite**.
 - Infinite means God has no **bounds**, no **limits**, and cannot be **measured**.

God is **infinitely** good.

Another attribute:

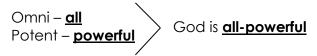
• God is **immutable**

Immutable – God never changes

So apply that to His goodness – saying God's goodness will never **change** and never **diminish**.

Another attribute:

• God is **omnipotent**



So God is <u>omnipotently</u> good – that means His goodness is not limited by His <u>power</u> because He has <u>all-power</u>.

Here is another one:

- God is **just**
 - His goodness is <u>impartial</u>.
- God is **omni-present**
 - His goodness is <u>everywhere</u>

God is **perfectly** and **completely** good.

- 8. God is the <u>whole nature</u> of goodness all by Himself, He is the <u>measure</u> and <u>rule</u> of goodness in everything else.
 - God is so good He cannot be <u>bound</u>.
 - God is so good He cannot be **better**.
- 9. In creation, everything He created was an **expression** of His goodness.

Look at creation this way:

What was the one thing He asked of Himself when each day of creation?

Answer: Is it **good**

When He created man or you, He said it was **very good**.

Why because we were created in His image and likeness \rightarrow **very good**.

Everything good comes from **God**.

- God doesn't have goodness, He is what! He is **goodness**.
 - God is not **tricky**
 - God is not deceitful
 - He is not **manipulative**
- If you believe He is <u>tricky</u>, <u>deceitful</u>, and <u>manipulative</u>, you won't believe He is the <u>way</u>, the <u>truth</u>, and the <u>life</u>.

God doesn't have an <u>ulterior</u> motive in dangling a carrot before you, He is always abounding in goodness and truth.

B. We were **<u>created</u>** because God is **<u>good</u>**.

James 1:17-18

- No **variation** or **shadow** of turning
- 11. He brought us forth by the Word of truth **goodness** and **truth**.

Why were we created?

Because God is <u>good</u>.

Why weren't we destroyed after sin?

• Because God is **good**.

Question: Why does God continue to forgive even if I commit the same sin over and over again?

Answer: God is good.

Question: Why did God bleed for me? Why did God take a beating for my healing?

Answer: Because God is good.

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Why does God answer prayer?

Answer: I know, I know – I got the formula right – because I say the <u>right</u> or <u>magic</u> words.

- **No**, that's **not** the answer.

Here is the answer: God doesn't answer prayer because I'm **good** or I'm good at **prayer**.

God answers prayer because He is **good**.

Let me say this: If God only acted on His justice alone, we all would have gone to hell – He acted on His **goodness** and all were saved by faith through grace \rightarrow **goodness**.

Romans 2:4

It's God's goodness that leads us to repentance.

Jesus preached repentance

Jesus preached: repent for the kingdom of <u>Heaven</u> is at hand.

- 12. Heaven is goodness; it's His <u>kindness</u> and He came to love people, to heal people His **goodness**.
 - The greatest display of goodness was not the creation of the <u>first</u> Adam, but it was the second Adam.

The first Adam sinned (every man and woman <u>after</u> him sinned)

God brought forth Jesus Christ who bled and died for us to be **saved**.

 The second creation demonstrated His <u>love</u> and <u>goodness</u>.

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Here is the third – God is **completely** good; we were **created** because God is **good**.

C. We, you and I, must personally <u>choose</u> God's goodness (a <u>choice</u>)

Romans 11:22

A choice to choose between God's **goodness** or God's **severity**!

- It's His goodness that even allows us to **choose**.
- 13. All of us were created with a <u>will</u> because God has a **will**; we were created **like** Him.
 - God created a **<u>Bride</u>**, He didn't create a **<u>robot</u>**.
- 14. God wanted a **Bride** that would **choose** to love Him.

Let me say this:

* God doesn't war between His attributes.

He is good and His goodness <u>created</u> us and His goodness <u>sought after</u> us.

His <u>iustice</u> determined our <u>destiny</u> if we didn't choose Him.

But, He always acts justly out of **what** He is – what He is – is **good**.

Satan is **not good** – God is **good**.

Do you have any idea how it breaks the heart of God when we don't **believe** that He is good?

Satan is the one who brought sin, sickness and disease, and death in this world.

Satan then comes up with all these <u>analytical</u> questions in our minds to get us to doubt or disbelieve God is good.

- But Pastor, If God is good, how come all these bad things have happened?
- How come God didn't step in and intervene in this if God is good?

Satan uses sin, disease, sickness, and death to tell you God is **not good**. You have a choice to see everything in the light of God's **character** and today, it's His **goodness**.

God is what! He is **good**