

The Goodness of God

Nahum 1:7

Our world today has a hard time distinguishing between good and evil.

Our values are changing so quickly those virtues that were once prized.....

And behavior that was once _____ is now _____ ! Jesus is coming soon !

The Prophet Isaiah wrote about these days in which we are living in

Isaiah 5:20 *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !*

The name God is mentioned _____ times in 3,893 verses in the Bible.

We all know that God's greatest character trait is His Holiness.

Holiness speaks of His..... God is Holy.

Now it's interesting when we look at God's Name in the Bible the one character trait that's mentioned more than any other is not God's..... even though He's all of those and more. But the **ONE** word used more often with God's Name is God's Goodness.

God's Word presents the Goodness of God.....

Exodus 34:6 *And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth*

1st Chronicles 16:34 *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever*

Psalm 34:8 *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

As we consider God's Goodness this morning, I want us to see 4 ways God's Goodness affects you and I as His children.

I. God is Good : HE _____ for us.

We experience the Goodness of God everyday in our lives by the way God cares for us.

Job 12:10

When we are "In Christ" and when we seek Jesus first we will **NEVER** have a genuine need in our lives whereby God will not give us our provisions. **Matthew 6:33**

God is good He.....

II. God is Good : HE is _____ with us.

We see God's Goodness towards us in His incredible patience with us. AMEN

In the Bible the Patience of God is linked with the Goodness of God.

Psalm 100:5 *"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting."*

The mercy of God represents His patience and bless God His.....

God fills this world with His Goodness to the

..... you don't have to be a Christian to know God is good.

Jesus said in **Matthew 5:45**for He makes His sun.....

Key thought: God gives some of His goodness to _____ of His people and God gives all of His goodness to _____ of His people, and NONE of us deserve any of His goodness no matter what group we're in !

**** CAN I GET AN AMEN ****

III. God is Good : HE _____ us.

God's Goodness is seen in..... **Psalm 34:7-8** *The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

God is a good God He His people. How many times throughout our lives has God reached out with His invisible hand and protected us ?

I believe when we get to heaven (if we're allowed to do this) we're going to look back on our lives and see..... Remember this: no matter what we're going through, in the good times and the hard times..... Our God is a good God.....

IV. God is Good : HE guides our _____.

The Goodness of God guides us in life. **Psalm 143:10** *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.*

The Psalmist connects God's Goodness with His leadership in our lives.

We see this in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells us there are: _____ gates _____ roads
_____ groups - many and the few

_____ destinations - one leads to life, one leads to death
God in His Goodness lets us choose which we will take.
But remember this: Our choice will determine our destiny !

The God who provided us with eternal _____ has also provided a pathway to have eternal _____ and that's through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 11:22 *Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness.....*

Which will you choose: the severity of God, His _____ or
the Goodness of God, His _____ in Christ.

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