

# Truth In Troubled Times

## GOD IS GOOD—HE DOES WHAT'S BEST

*Psalm 119:68 and selected Scriptures*

God is good all the time, and all the time God is good

### LET'S GET STARTED

An old prayer often said at mealtime begins, "God is great, God is good, . . . "God's greatness is well established; after all, He created the universe! But what does it mean to say that God is good? In this study we will explore the Bible's teachings about the goodness of God.

### LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Psalm 103:1-12—<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Michael Houdmann—To say that God is good means that God always acts in accordance to what is right, true, and good. Goodness is part of God's nature, and He cannot contradict His nature. Holiness and righteousness are part of God's nature; He cannot do anything that is unholy or unrighteous. God is the standard of all that is good.

### Quotable

*The goodness of God is infinitely more wonderful than we will ever be able to comprehend.*

—A. W. Tozer

*If God has done what you think he should do, trust him. If God doesn't do what you think he should do, trust him. If you pray and believe God for a miracle and he does it, trust him. If your worst nightmare comes true, believe he is sovereign. Believe he is good."*

—Craig Groeschel

### If you would like to know more

*The Goodness of God: Assurance of Purpose In the Midst of Suffering*, by Randy Alcorn  
(Multnomah, 2010)

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## WHAT SCRIPTURE REVEALS ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD

- Everything \_\_\_\_\_ in life comes from God's goodness (Matthew 5:45; James 1:17).
- What God does is always good, but not always \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).
- God's goodness \_\_\_\_\_ us from the punishment we deserve (Psalm 103:10; James 2:13).

### Right Responses to God's Goodness

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 107:1)

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:6)

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:1)

Live in such a way that, if people should see you, they could see God's goodness in you.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 2:4)

## LET'S LIVE IT

Ask yourself, how can I respond to God's goodness in a way that I may have been neglecting lately?

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