

Part 1 – Under His Goodness

The Lord is <u>always good</u>.

He is always loving and kind,
and his faithfulness goes on and
on to each succeeding generation.

- Psalm 100:5 LB

# Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.

- Psalm 34:9 MSG

### The Fallout of Failing to Enjoy the Favor of God's Goodness

#### 1. I Congratulate Myself

By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being...

- Romans 1:20-21 MSG

...So nobody has a good excuse. What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God...

- Romans 1:20-21 MSG

...refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives.

- Romans 1:20-21 MSG

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you accomplished it all on your own?

- 1 Corinthians 4:7 LB

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

#### 2. I Quit Seeking God

# Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you'll find. Knock and the door will be opened.

If you, as imperfect parents, know how to give good gifts to your own children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him?

- Luke 11:13 NLT

Let us <u>come boldly</u> to the throne of our <u>good and gracious God</u>.

There we will receive his mercy and find grace to help us when we need it!

- Hebrews 4:16

### Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of your love.

## 3. I No Longer Trust Him in Trials

Protect me, God, because <u>I trust in</u> <u>you</u>. You are my Lord! And <u>every good</u> <u>thing I have</u> comes from you!

We can have joy even in our troubles, because we know that these troubles are good for us, producing patience...and character ...and hope!

- Romans 5:3 NLT/NCV

And we know that <u>in everything</u> God works <u>for the good</u> of those who love him, and are called according to his good purpose.

- Romans 8:28 NCV

## 4. I See the Future Despairingly

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Instead I thought "Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage! Yes, wait for the Lord!"

- Psalm 27:13-14 NASB

### Hope is anticipating,

God's Goodness.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

- Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Jesus: "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

- John 10:10-11 NLT