

IS GOD REALLY GOOD?

God Who? – Part 1

“The Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.” Psalm 100:5 (LB)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FORGET THAT GOD IS GOOD?

1. We start taking **CREDIT** for the things God did for me.

“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)

2. We stop **ASKING** God for help.

“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)

“So, let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

“Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of your love.” Psalm 69:16a (NIV)

3. We stop trusting God in **DIFFICULT** times.

“Protect me, God, because I trust in you. You are my Lord! And every good thing I have comes from you!” Psalm 16:1-2 (ICB/NCV)

“You know, 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 in everything God works for the good of those who love him, and are called according to his good purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NCV)

4. We become **PESSIMISTIC** about the future.

“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 (NAS)

Hope is **ANTICIPATING** the goodness of God.

BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD . . .

1. He will meet my **NEEDS** when I’m worried.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I will lack nothing.” Psalm 23:1 (NIV)

2. He will teach me to **RELAX** when I’m stressed out.

“He makes me lie down in green pastures, and he leads me beside quiet waters.” Psalm 23:2 (NIV)

3. He will replenish my **STRENGTH** when I am empty.

“He restores my soul” Psalm 23:3a (NIV)

“He gives me new strength” Psalm 23:3a (NCV)

4. He will **GUIDE** me when I am confused.

“He guides me in the right paths for his name’s sake.” Psalm 23:3b (NIV)

5. He will **WALK WITH ME** through my dark and fearful days.

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*“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”
Psalm 23:4 (NIV)*

6. He will **PROTECT** me when I feel insecure.

“Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4b (NIV)

7. He will publicly show his **FAVOR** on my life.

*“You prepare a banquet for me in front of all my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”
Psalm 23:5 (NIV)*

8. He will be good to me **NO MATTER** what happens.

“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.” Psalm 23:6a (NIV)

9. He will take me to **HEAVEN** one day.

“And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6b (NIV)

“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)