



GOD'S GOODNESS

DEFINITION

The goodness of God means that God is the final standard of good, all that God is and all He does is good. - This is probably one of the most referred to attributes of God in all of Christendom, God is good all the time and all the time God is good! So it's really important that we actually understand what God being good actually means. He isn't good based on our understanding of good because only he decides what is good. He is good in the way he acts, demonstrating his goodness. When God sends his son to die for us and deliver us from sin, he is good and all he does is good but when he brings judgement on a nation in the old testament he is also good and does what is good. When he sends unrepentant people to hell at the end of all things, and rewards the righteous with heaven he remains good.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Ps 119:68 - You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. - This is a key scripture because it makes clear that God is good AND everything he does is good. That means in his nature and in his actions he is always good.

FOLLOW-UP SCRIPTURES

Ex 34:6, 1 Chron 16:34, Ps 25:8, Ezra 3:11

FAITH

Sometimes it can be possible for people's faith in God to be rocked when they experience something that shakes their understanding of who God is. Something terrible happens, they are unfairly treated, someone hurts them but knowing God is good secures our faith when we experience things that are seemingly contradictory to that.

HOPE

If God is good and everything he does is good, then our hopes for the future should be good, it doesn't mean the road won't be bumpy along the way or that life will be easy. We should be those who expect blessing from the Lord, we can hope for success, to overcome, to see the impossible made possible because those things are good and God does good.

LOVE

God's being good motivates our love and worship of him, there is a reason we talk about him being good so much because it produces worship! But also his goodness shows us what love should look like in any given situation. We understand that God loves us and what he does is good. Sometimes that means discipline, or saying no to us, and even in these things his goodness helps show us what his love looks like.