

# Observations About The Goodness of God & Its Application To Our Lives

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## 1. God's Goodness Defines What Is Good

**Scripture References:** Genesis 1–3 (Selected Verses)

**Genesis 1:1, 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...

<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was **good**. And God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was **good**.

<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>18</sup> ... and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Genesis 2:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and **good** for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of **good** and evil.

## 2. God's Goodness Is Evident In Creation

**Scripture References:** Romans 1 (Selected Verses), Psalm 19:1–4a, 1 Timothy 1:4, James 1:17, Psalm 34:8

### Romans 1:19–20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

### Psalm 19:1–4a (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

### 1 Timothy 1:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

### James 1:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

### Psalm 34:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is **good**! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

## 3. God's Goodness Is Seen In His Attributes

**Scripture References:** Exodus 33:16–19a

### Exodus 33:16–19 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> "For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and my people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

<sup>18</sup> Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup> And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”

## 4. God’s Goodness Works For The Good of The Believer

**Scripture References:** Romans 8:28–30, Genesis 1:26–27, Acts 3:12–19

### Romans 8:28–30 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

### Genesis 1:26–27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

### Acts 3:12–19 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

<sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

<sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see

and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers,

<sup>18</sup> but what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.