



WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: The Goodness of God

Passage: Psalm 16

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Introduction: We use the word good pretty freely. We talk about good people, good friends, good days, and good things. But there is a difference between doing good and being perfectly good. Jesus said in Matthew 19:17, “There is none good but one, that is, God.” God doesn’t merely do good things; God is good. It’s easy to believe that when life is going well. But when hardship comes or prayers aren’t answered the way we hoped, we can begin measuring God’s goodness by our circumstances. The truth is, God is good whether we understand what He is doing or not. In Psalm 16, David takes inventory of God’s goodness in his life. This Psalm reminds us that wherever the journey takes us, we are traveling with a God who is good.

I. Good Fellowship (Verses 1-4)

When David thought about the blessings in his life, God’s people were among them.

Sometimes we think of God’s blessings in terms of material possessions. But some of the greatest gifts God has ever given us don’t have a price tag—they have names.

David doesn’t stop with the people God has placed around him. He begins looking at the portion God has given him.



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II. Good Heritage (Verses 5-6)

David's greatest possession wasn't his palace, his throne or his wealth. It was the Lord Himself.

Comparison has the amazing ability to make a blessed person feel deprived. If contentment depends upon having as much as somebody else, we'll never have enough.

God had not only given David his portion; He was sustaining him. We worry about things we cannot control, but David reminds us that our lives are ultimately in God's hands. The God who has provided for us is still able to care for us.

III. Good Counsel (Verses 7-8)

Life is filled with decisions, and everybody seems willing to give us advice. There's a difference between asking God to approve our plans and allowing Him to direct them.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

We tend to make our plans and then ask God to bless them. David determined to put the Lord first.

IV. Good Hope (Verses 9-11)

We often use the word hope to describe something we want to happen but aren't sure will happen. Biblical hope is different. It is confidence about tomorrow because of what God has promised today.

"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." (Acts 2:31)



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The blessings we enjoy in this life are temporary, but God's goodness will never run out.

Conclusion: As David comes to the end of Psalm 16, he has taken inventory of the goodness of God. He sees God's goodness in his fellowship, his heritage, His counsel, and the hope he has for eternity. As we close tonight, let's take inventory of God's goodness in our own lives. Whatever our circumstances may be, we have countless reasons to thank Him. God has been good, and He will continue to be good.