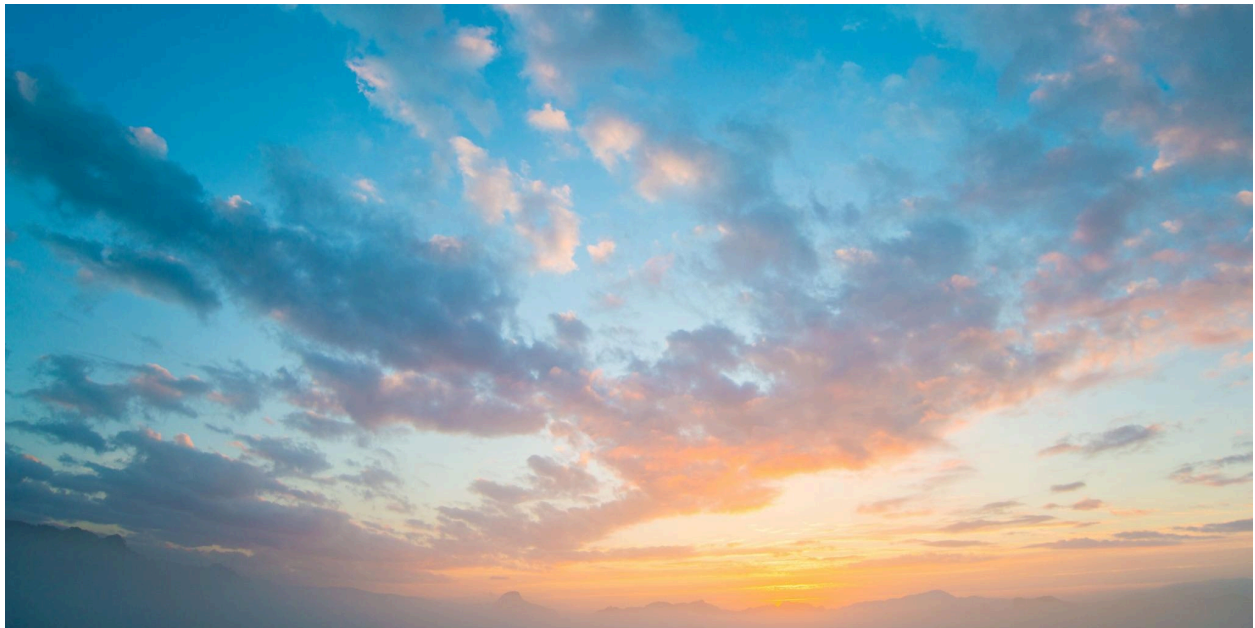


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The LORD is Good

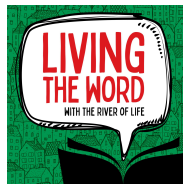


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Nahum 1:7 – The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

There are four very important words in this short verse, “good”, “stronghold”, “knows” and “refuge”.

All four words describe a characteristic of God that should comfort us all. The first word is good. There is a common saying in many churches that “God is good all the time, and all the time God is good”. Some may wonder why the verse does not say God is great because



that sounds better than good. But, in the context of this verse, good is the word that fits perfectly. Good implies a loving parent who is going to take care of you no matter the circumstances. And that's who God is.

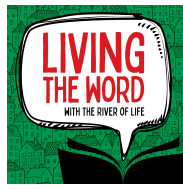
The second word is stronghold. Stronghold implies a loving protector. A protector who is more powerful than any enemy you will ever face. A protector you can rely upon in the toughest of times. A protector who can withstand anything this world throws at you and leave you standing in the process. And that's who God is.

The third word is knows. This may be the most important. It tells us that the Eternal Ruler and Creator of all things not only is aware of us, but knows us. And the verse makes it clear this is not a passing knowledge, but that he truly knows us. He knows us in a way that only one who loves us knows us. In fact he knows us with an everlasting love. He knows us by name. Because that's who God is.

The fourth word is refuge. Refuge is a place in which we run for safety. Refuge is a place we long for in times of trouble. Refuge is sometimes our last resort when all seems lost. And that's who God is.

What could be more comforting than to give our hearts and souls to a God who is good, who is strong, who knows us by name and is our refuge? Sometimes it is hard to believe that so many people in the world run from a God like this instead of to Him. Most run from Him because they do not want to give up being the god of their own lives. That's sad because being the god of their own lives will in the end bring disappointment, despair and an eternity apart from God.

What about you Christian? Are you living your life in such a way that those around you can observe the goodness of God? Can they see that you serve a God who is good, who is a



stronghold, who knows you by name and who is a refuge? If not, make that your goal today so that God can use you to draw non-believers to Him.

Make your move Christian.