

FORTIFY - with His Goodness

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Romans 12:17,21 (NIV) – “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”.

“good” = Greek *agathos* – “intrinsically good; good in nature”

HELPS word study on *agathos* - “inherently good; as to the believer, it describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith”

“He sees you when you’re sleeping, he knows when you’re awake, he knows when you’ve been bad or good, so be good for goodness’ sake” – ***Santa Claus is Coming to Town***

Isaiah 5:20-21 (NIV) – “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight”.

“woe” – Hebrew *howy* and Greek *ouai*

Nahum 1:7-8 (NIV) – “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness”.

“The author is not expressing some personal feeling of vindication over some hurt by the oppressor, nor even a nationalistic chauvinism that pagan nations must be punished. Rather, Yahweh is applying his universal standard against evil, no matter who is responsible” – ***David W. Baker***

Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV) – The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me”.

Jonah 4:1-3 (NIV) – But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents

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from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live”.

James 2:10 (NIV) - “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it”.

Mark 10:17-27 (NIV) – As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is ^{to} to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Psalms 34:8 (NIV) – “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him”.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) – “And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”.

Genesis 50:19-20 (NIV) But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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Psalm 100 (NIV) Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.