

KNOWING A GOOD GOD

A.W. Tozer: “The goodness of God disposes Him to be kind, cordial, benevolent, and full of good will toward men. He is tenderhearted and quick of sympathy, and his unfailing attitude toward all moral beings is open, frank, and friendly. By His nature He is inclined to bestow blessedness and He takes holy pleasure in the happiness of His people.”

Biblical Principles:

- 1) **God is good!** (Exodus 34:6; I Chron 16:34; Ezra 3:11; Psalms 25:8, 34:8, 100:4-5, 107:1; Mark 10:18). **God’s character is good and what He does is good** (Psalms 52:9, 119:68, 145:9).
- 2) **God wants us to experience His goodness** (Psalms 34 especially verse 8).
- 3) **God is good! He is generous** (James 1:17; Matthew 7:11)
- 4) **God is good! He provides for us** (Psalms chapters 107 & 145).
- 5) **God is good! He is compassionate/patient with us** (Psalms 103:13-14, chapter 107).
- 6) **God is good! He protects us** (Psalms 34:7-8; Daniel chapter 6)
- 7) **God is good! He guides us** (Psalms 143:10; Matthew 7:13-14)
- 8) **God reveals His goodness through His creations and accomplishments** (Genesis chapter 1, especially verse 31; Psalms 145; I Timothy 4:4).
- 9) **God reveals His goodness through His good works for us** (Psalms 145; James 1:17).
- 10) **God reveals His goodness through His interventions** (Psalms 107).
- 11) **God reveals His goodness through His Son Jesus Christ** (Romans 5:8, 8:32).
- 12) **We can rest in His goodness when adversity comes** (Psalms 31:19-20). "God is good all the time. All the time God is good."

Case Study:

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-15)