



Title | The Goodness of God
Series | Glimpses of Our God
Text | Psalm 25:8, 34:8
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Sermon Notes

Genesis 50:19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ESV

Psalm 25:8

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ESV

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ESV

Big Idea:

Psalm 135:3

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant! ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Psalm 25:8. Now, look up the word “good” in the dictionary. What problems arise when we attempt to understand God’s goodness in light of English definitions? Are there some valid ideas we can derive from the English?

Tuesday:

Read Psalm 25:1-11. How does the Psalmist’s description of God’s goodness fit in the passage? What other attributes of God are linked with His goodness? How might they influence our understanding of His goodness?

Wednesday:

Read Genesis 50:19-20 and Romans 8:28. Does the truth that God works all things for good change the fact that the circumstances themselves were not good as we usually think of “good”?

Thursday:

Read Job 42:1-6. In Job 1-2, Job loses almost everything. The reader is familiar with the story of God’s conversation with Satan, but Job is not. By the time we get to Job 42, Job reaches a conclusion. What is it? Is he ever told the backstory from chapters 1 and 2? Who is the source of his comfort, even without an explanation?

Friday:

Think of a time in your life when something was not “good” from your perspective. What happens when we evaluate whether God is good based on our circumstances? What changes if we consider our circumstances in light of God’s character, especially His goodness? What role does faith have in this evaluation?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, how marvelous you are! Thank you for revealing to me who you are so I may know who I am and what I am to become. Amen.

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