The Goodness of God Motivates

Tony Mauck · Isaiah 30:18

INTRODUCTION

- Everything about God intrinsically is good. And that speaks to his generosity toward us.
- If we are faithless, he remains faithful. For he cannot deny himself.
- God is for you. He has your back. He is there plotting to do you good. You are the object of his affection.

1 The Lord Longs to Be Gracious to You

Isaiah 30:18; Isaiah 40:31

- Therefore, the Lord longs to be gracious to you. And therefore, he waits on high to have compassion on you.
- We need to wait on the Lord. But you know what this passage is saying? The Lord waits on us.
- When God looks at you, He longs to do good to you.
- Where are you now in relation to where you were a year ago?
- If that's where you are, in a place where your strength is not what it's been. This passage is for you. The Lord wants to again bless you with his goodness.

2 The Goodness of God Leads Us to Repentance

James 1:5; Romans 8:32; Romans 2:4

- Even when we find ourselves far away from him, he's the father of the prodigal. Ready to kill the fatted calf upon our return.
- But how will he not also with him freely give us all things? This is the generosity of our God.
- It is the goodness and kindness of God that leads us to repentance.
- If you need to amend your ways and your doings, may it be the goodness of God that motivates it. God is there waiting.
- Have you ever thought of God as generous toward you despite your baggage? He desires to be generous in extravagant ways.

3 The Goodness of God Even to Ahab

1 Kings 20:13; 1 Kings 21; 1 Kings 22

- Jehu's gonna take care of enacting this judgment on Ahab's house. But he doesn't enact the judgment on Ahab himself. Because Ahab humbled himself.
- If he's going to show that kind of generosity and goodness to a guy like Ahab, I'm thinking your chances are really good.
- Ahab rejected the goodness of God. One too many times.

- As long as there is breath, there is hope that we can come back. And the goodness of God is still there for us.

4 God Comes to Ahaz, a Bad King

Isaiah 7; Matthew 1; 2 Chronicles 28

- And yet God comes to him. This is not a good king, this is a bad king.
- Ask for a sign. Why do this for Ahaz? Because this is what God does.
- Okay, you won't ask for a sign, even though I told you to, I'm going to give you one anyway.
- In 2 Chronicles 28, what does Ahaz learn from all of this? Absolutely nothing.

5 Your Times Are in God's Hands

- All this posturing without the Lord, you think you're going somewhere. But you're not.
- We do all this posture. But you need to remember one very important thing. Your times are in God's hands.
- You're only going to posture as long as God or your circumstances allow it, and then your posturing is done. Then what?
- This is about advancing God's cause while we have time. And while we have opportunity.
- I am what I am by the grace of God. God is good.

THE CHALLENGE

Is there someone in this audience tonight, who needs to come to him as he generously offers his salvation?

MY NOTES