The Original Definition of Good

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INTRODUCTION

- Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.
- The goodness of God is more important than your wealth. The goodness of God will satisfy you where your wealth cannot.
- I think we have watered down the term good as it relates to God. We call so many things good.

1 God Is the Original Definition of Good

Psalm 23:6; Psalm 119:68

- The essence of our God is good. He is the original definition of good.
- At the very core of who our God is, he is generous.
- Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- You are good. And you do good. Teach me your statutes.
- God is for you. He has your back. He's there plotting to do you good.

2 A Constant Old Testament Refrain

Psalm 107:1–9; Psalm 118; 1 Chronicles 16:34

- Do you realize how the Bible is replete with the thought that God is good? It is a constant old testament refrain.
- Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His loving kindness is everlasting.
- For he has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul, he is filled with what is good.
- It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men.
- O taste and see that the Lord is good. How blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

3 Though the Earth Should Change, God Will Still Be Good

Psalm 46:2

- What if something catastrophic happened in the next 24 hours?
- Life as we know it could be taken away from us quicker than you possibly could realize.
- Though the earth should change. Though the mountains slip into the sea. God will still be good.

4 The Nearness of God Is My Good

- The nearness of God is my good. Thus I have made the Lord God my refuge.
- God is not a disconnected, distant entity. He is near. He is good.
- If you appreciate who God is at his core, at his essence, you will be motivated to walk with him and to love him.

- He saves us not on the basis of who we are, but who we can become in him.

5 God Gives Good Gifts

Luke 11:9–13

- How much more shall your father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask him?
- He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.
- Whatever the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives, it is good. And we need what he does.
- It thrills our God to give good gifts.
- Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above. Coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
- He who did not spare his own son, but delivered him up for us all. How will he not also with him freely give us all things?

THE CHALLENGE

God gives you now the opportunity to embrace the provisions of salvation while there's time and opportunity. God is good. And there is more good He wants to do for you.

MY NOTES