

### The Goodness of God

All that emanates from God – His decrees, His creation, His laws, His providence’s – cannot be otherwise than good: as it is written, “And God saw everything that He has made, and behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31).

<b>Scripture used:</b>	<b>Context:</b>
Psalm 52:1	The goodness (loving-kindness) endures all day long.
1 John 1:5	The contrast of good and evil. (Light & Dark)
Psalm 119:68	God is good and does good. We should ask as the Psalmist to be taught “good.”
Psalm 139:14	Everything about the structure of our human bodies attests the goodness of our Maker.
Psalm 145: 15,16	God’s goodness isn’t limited to mankind, He satisfies the desire of every living thing.
Psalm 136: 25	God’s mercy endures forever!
Psalm 33:5	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

The goodness of God is seen in the variety of natural pleasures, which He has provided for His creatures. He could have designed mankind with a hunger that was satisfied without taste.

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Psalm 145:9	God is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.
The goodness of God is seen in that when man transgressed the law of His Creator a dispensation of unmixed wrath did not at once commence. Well might God have deprived His fallen creatures of every blessing, every comfort, and every pleasure. He ushered in a regime of a mixed nature, of mercy and judgment	
James 2:13	Mercy triumphs over judgment.
God cannot be justly called into question because there is suffering and sorrow in the world. If man sins against the goodness of God, than who is to blame but himself.	

Romans 2:4,5	It is your disobedience that is storing up wrath due unto yourself.
The goodness of God appeared most illustriously when He sent forth His Son “made of women, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. That we might receive the adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4,5).	
Luke 2:14	In the Gospel the “grace (which word in Greek conveys the idea of benevolence or goodness) of God that brings salvation.
Titus 2:11	God in His goodness has brought salvation.
Matt. 20:15	God cannot be called into question because He has not made every sinful creature to be subject of His redemptive grace.
Psalms 107:8	Gratitude is the return justly required from objects of His benefit.
Romans 2:4	His goodness is despised when it is not improved as a means to lead men repentance, but, on the contrary, serves to harden them from the supposition that God entirely overlooks their sin.
Nahum 1:7	The Lord is a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him.

When others behave badly to us, it should only stir us up the more heartily to give thanks unto the Lord, because He is good; and when we ourselves are conscious that we are far from being good, we should only the more reverently bless Him that He is good. We must never tolerate an instant’s unbelief as to the goodness of the Lord; whatever else may be questioned, this is absolutely certain, the Jehovah is good; His dispensations may vary, but His nature is always the same (C.H. Spurgeon).