

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever” Psalm 107:1.

People respond to God’s goodness in various ways. We are to give thanks to God because of His goodness. It says in 1 John 4: 8 that God is Love. Goodness and Love is at God’s core. It was His love that prompted Him to send Christ to die as our Saviour, that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10: 10), now and forever.

We, as His children, are to make this goodness known to the world. The world may not appreciate God’s goodness, but Christians are to praise God for the deliverance He has given us from sin. We are to show our appreciation to this goodness not only by verbal expression to the world, but in our total daily living. It is by His goodness that our steps in life are directed, for it says in Jeremiah 10:23, “...it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps”. It is God’s goodness that gives us hope and direction, and leads us to heaven.

The world has a distorted view of God's goodness and say things like "God is such a good God, I don't think He would condemn me, even though I may not be living a faithful life". But God will not accept that excuse. His love should prompt us to study His word and learn how to please Him and live in harmony with His will.

God is goodness and Love at His core, but He is also the God of justice at His core. He will not accept disobedience and rebellion. In Romans 11: 22, it says "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity; but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off".