

**Message: The Goodness and the Greatness of God.** These are foundational truths for good times and bad times. During times of crisis, difficulties, and uncertainties, we need to retreat to what is unchanging. Remember our anchor and foundation stones. God is good. God is great. God is shaking us. These are two things that we can hold on to. We can stand on what He is that is unshakeable. God is still on the throne.

**Psalm 100:1-5** *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His: we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

## **GOD IS GOOD!**

The more we realize that God is good, the more praise will flow out of our lives. We worship because He is good. Reasons for God's Goodness:

**1.** He is good, because it is His nature. Goodness is one of God's attributes. **Psalm 34:8** *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.* He is the foundation of goodness and of everything good. He did not obtain it from another source. God never changes.

**2.** He is good, because Jesus did good. **Acts 10:38**... *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.* If we look at Jesus' life on earth, you will know what God looks like. Jesus did a lot of good deeds, healing, supernatural releasing from bondages, etc.

**3.** He is good, because He paid the penalty of sin. Is there anything greater?

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22** *For since by a man death came, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21** *God made Him who had not sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.* Jesus laid down His life for the penalty for our sin - past, present, and future. And sets us free from the power of sin.

**4.** He is good, because He gives only good things to us. Our experiences are not the standard for goodness.

**James 1:17** *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with who is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.* Creation was good. God only produces what is good. Goodness is determined by its source not by experiences.

**5.** He is good, because He turns bad things into blessings. God's goodness doesn't mean that bad things won't happen to us. **Romans 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.* God has a good plan for what is difficult or what is troublesome for us.

## GOD IS GREAT!

**Job 36:26** Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered.

**Psalms 48:1** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

**Psalms 95:3** For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.

**Hebrews 13:20-21** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Aspects of His Greatness:

1. Jesus is greater than all evil. **Mark 1:21-28** Jesus set captives free; He is greater over evil and demons.
2. Jesus is greater than sickness. **Mark 1:40-41; Mark 5:21-34** We don't know why some are healed and some not, but the more sick people we pray for, the more get healed. It is a mystery. Jesus is greater. God heals in many ways.
3. Jesus is greater than sin. **Mark 2:1-11** God is greater than any temptation and is greater than the tempter.
4. Jesus is greater than all creation. **Mark 4:35-41** Jesus takes authority of the wind, turns water into wine, etc.
5. Jesus is greater than death. **Mark 5:35-42** Jesus has won the victory over death, hell, and the grave.
6. Jesus is greater than every need. **Mark 6:3-44** God wants to show Himself to us to show us His goodness and greatness. Allow God to show Himself strong to us. Breakthrough does not begin with us, it begins with God.

Let's fight our battles on our knees!

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How would you respond to God's goodness?

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What difficulty or stress do you have that starts declaring God's goodness?