

Faith Missionary Baptist Church BIBLE STUDY

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LESSON 5

Know That God Is Good All The Time

Nahum 1:4-7, Psa. 73:1; 100:5; 145:9

INTRODUCTION

How do you measure the goodness of God? Do you measure His goodness by material blessings such as: cars, clothes, houses, and land alone? Do you measure God's goodness by favorable circumstances alone. In other words, everything is going the way you desire. Can you say God is good all the time no matter what is going on in your life or what is going on around you? At times you may find it difficult, if not impossible to see the goodness of God at all times. What about God's character? Do you see God's character as good all the time? As we continue to live through the Corona Pandemic it is of utmost importance that we see the goodness of God. One of Satan's major tools is to blind us against the goodness of God. When we fail to see the goodness of God we will become prime candidates for backsliding and living outside of God's will. I like what David said in Psalm 27:13 which reads: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." This tells me that the one thing that kept David trusting in God was His goodness in the land of the living. No matter what is going on in our life we should always see the goodness of God.

<u>OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION</u>: Has there ever been a time in your life when you could not see the goodness of God? (Death of love ones, sickness, unemployment, disappointment, depression, etc.)

1st Reading-Nahum 1:4-7.....God's Goodness Is Seen IN His Power

- A. God is good in his power-
 - * rebukes the sea
 - Makes it dry land
 - Dries up the rivers
 - * Mountains quake at him.
 - * The hills melt
 - * The earth burns at his presence
- B. Question: Who can challenge his wrath?
- C. The Lord is good in security-strong hold in the day of trouble
- D. Good in knowledge-knows them that trust in him

2nd Reading-Psalm 73:1-3......God Is Good But.......God Is Good But......

- A. God is good to Israel
- B. Good to those with a clean heart
- C. But as for me..- (The word but should not occur behind the confession of God is good.)
- D. My feet almost slipped-Why? I was envious at the prosperity of the wicked.

3rd Reading- Psalm 100:1-5......God's Goodness Is The Purpose For Praise

- A. Praise God with joyful noise, all people- (no exclusions)
- B. Serve the Lord with gladness not sadness.
- C. Approach him with singing.
- D. Know or understand that the Lord is not was God.
 - He made us.
 - **We did not make ourselves**
 - ***** We are his people.
 - ***** We are the sheep of his pasture.

E. Enter his presence with thanksgiving (not griping or complaining)

F. Enter his courts with praise

F. Be thankful

G. Bless or praise his name

H. The purpose for praise, joy, and thanksgiving:

- **❖** The Lord is good-Bottom line
- ***** Mercy is everlasting.
- **Truth endures to all generations**

THE WORD "FOR the LORD
A PURPOSE. "FOR the LORD
IS good"

4th <u>Reading-Psalm 145:9</u>.....The Lord Is God To All

- A. The Lord is good to all
- B. His tender mercy is over all his works.



Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

- 1. Watch out when your focus turns away from the goodness of God to the evils of the world.
- 2. To recharge your spirit meditate on God's goodness.
- 3. Praise and thank God regularly for his goodness.
- 4. God's goodness is demonstrated in more ways than material things.
- 5. Let the goodness of God be your motivation for worship, praise, and service.

 6. God is a God of farthfulness, restoration, and deliverance.

MEMORY VERSES: "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."---- Psalm 100:5