

What do we mean when we say that God is Good?

- We mean that God benefits His creatures
- Ex 34:6,7

- 1. He is the source of all good James 1:17,
Deut 30:9 Psa 36:9; Psa 145:9,15,16
- He defines what is good for each creature and
then He supplies those things

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- 2. He is the highest good to which a creature can seek Psa 34:8-10; Psa 36:9; 2 Chr 5:13; Jer 9:23; 104:21; Hosea 3:5 He is the supreme good for us.

- 3. He loves His creatures: He meets our needs, pursues us and pleases us. 2 Chr 7:3; Psa 25:8; Psa 33:5; 86:5; John 3:16; 1 John 3:1; Luke 6:35

- 4. He is gracious: He provides for and bestows unmerited favor, gifts, power and blessing on us. Matt 5:44-47; Rom 5:1-5; Eph 2:8,9; Heb 12:15;

- 5. He is full of mercy: He provides blessings, support and favor on the undeserving, rebellious, afflicted, distressed, and miserable regardless of how they came to this position. Ex 20:2; Deut 7:9; Psa 86:5; Luke 1:50;

- 6. He is longsuffering: He endures the disobedience, rebellion and evil of His creatures and gives them the maximum time to repent, rather than enact strict justice immediately. Gen 6:3; Psa 94:1-5; Ex 34:6; Psa 86:15; Psa 68:19; Rom 2:4; 9:22; 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 3:15 This means that when God's righteousness and holiness can no longer justify putting off the full consequences of sin, His wrath will fall.

What does God's goodness mean to me?

- 1. God is right now being good to me? Am I noticing it? Am I taking advantage of it?
- Am I willing to open my eyes to see the ways that God is trying to benefit me and cooperate with the goodness of God.

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- 2. God is right now sending what is needed to meet my needs, pursue me and please me not just as a creature but as a person. The question is whether I will receive His love or reject it looking for something better or different.

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- 3. God is right now being merciful to me. Each and every day God could in a completely just way eliminate me from my present existence for my sins. It is God's mercy that sustains me. Take advantage of the mercy of God and confess your sins and embrace the mercy of God.

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- 4. God is right now waiting with longsuffering and patience for me to listen and be obedient to His voice. There comes a time for each blessing when time can wait no longer so respond when it is time.

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- 5. God's grace is streaming to me to allow me to overlook the hurts and wounds that others have done to me. I need to respond to that grace or my natural reaction to the damage of others is bitterness, anger and melancholy.

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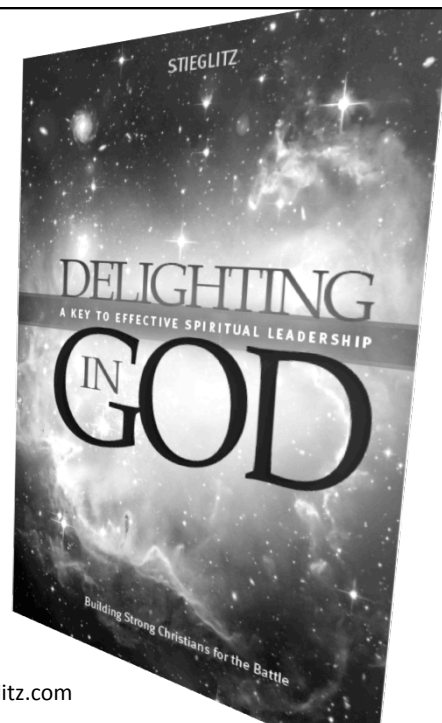
- 6. God is being good to me by His laws, testimonies, principles and judgments. It would be foolish for us to ignore His limitations as bad and cry out for more blessings while we push away at these negative blessings

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- 7. Even though my difficulties may be because of my own sin, I can count on and even call out for the goodness of God in the midst of my trials. Lam 3:17

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- 8. When God blocks my desires or says no to my ideas He is being good to me. I must trust His goodness and grow because of this negative.



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What do we mean when we say that God is sovereign?

- We mean that God is the ruler and in charge of everything about our universe. Dan 4:35; Rom 11:36; 1 Tim 6:15

Why is God sovereign?

- God's is sovereign because of the perfections of His being not His overwhelming power or the strength of His will. If God were sovereign because of His will or power alone then He could be arbitrary, inconsistent, evil or selfish. Ex 34:6,7

What are the two aspects of God's rulership over the Universe and its inhabitants?

- The Providence of God directs, controls, guides, redirects and puts boundaries around everything 1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 115:3
Isaiah 45:9; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 11:36; 1 Timothy 6:15

What are the two aspects of God's rulership over the Universe and its inhabitants?

- The Preservation of God sustains, upholds, preserves His creation Neh 9:6; Col 1:17; Heb 1:3; Psa 104:29; Psa 36:6; Acts 17:28; Proverbs 2:8; John 10:28

What does it mean to me that God is Sovereign?

- 1. Everything that happens is within the range of possibilities that God has planned, allowed, or directed. Rom 8:28,29; 1 Sam 23:10-14; Matt 18:7

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- 2. There is no such thing as luck or chance for the Christian Matt 10:30; Rom 8:28; Matt 11:23

- 3. Since He knows all about what has happened to me, He knows how to deal with it and how to turn it in a good for me and glory for Him. Rom 8:28,29; Matt 18:7

- 4. God has promised to supply all my needs, therefore I know that He has, the answer to my need is already here, ready to be developed, or it is waiting for me to discover it, or on its way needing me to be ready to notice and receive it.

- 5. I need to be in harmony with the rhythm of God's timing, plan and arrangements rather than always agitating for my plans and becoming irritated with my lack of success.
Acts 26: 14-18

- 6. God made me for a purpose and He has made a way for me to be completely fulfilled by accomplishing that purpose. Therefore I need to pursue His purpose for my life and my life will go much better. Phil 1:6; Eph 2:10;
Acts 26:14-18

- 7. My full cooperation, energy and effort is required for me to experience the perfect will of God. Phil 2:12,13; 2 Pet 1:5-8

- 8. There may be times when God clearly blocks you from doing what I want because it is not what He wants or will allow. Acts 16:6,7

- 9. God will establish His Sovereignty over your life, He will either do it with your willing cooperation or over your rebellion and refusal after you die. Phil 2:10,11; Rev 20:11-15

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