

# The Goodness of God Series ~ 2019

## Message #4: "BECAUSE OF HIS GOODNESS, I CAN MAKE IT"

February 24, 2019 – Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

**2019 DECLARATION: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD WHILE I LIVE BUT I MUST WAIT ON THE LORD.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV** TRUST in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

### KEY'S FOR TODAY'S MESSAGE

- The Amplified Bible helps us to see our text more clearly: Proverbs 3:5-6 *TRUST IN and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. 6 In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way].*
- The level of my dreams and visions is only limited by my faith and trust in God. What's wonderful is that He has allowed me to have these! He is so GOOD!
- Why is one of the biggest concerns for the COMMITTED Christian whether they will make it to heaven or not? Isn't He a keeper? Isn't His Word trustworthy? He is so GOOD!
- God in His goodness has provided for us – 1 Peter 1:5 says that we are "kept by the power of God". He is so GOOD!
- Because of His Goodness, I can endure life; I can go through; I can live a life pleasing to Him; I can hold my peace; and I can have peace. He is so GOOD!

## ❧ SERIES PRINCIPLES ❧

**Principle #1 GOODNESS IS A BASIC QUALITY OF GOD.** Other properties of God such as forgiveness, unconditional love, compassion, mercy, kindness, favor, grace, etc., flow from His goodness. **Exodus 33:19** Then He said, "I will make all My GOODNESS pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

**Principle #2 GOD OPERATES AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL, SO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF "GOODNESS" IS NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING.** **Isaiah 55:8-9** For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Principle #3 UNDERSTANDING THE GOODNESS OF GOD MOVES US INTO DEEPER LEVELS OF TRUST.** In the book **The Shack**, God says to the main character: "*The real underlying flaw in your life is that you don't think that I'm good. If you knew I was good and everything – the means, the ends, and all the process of individual lives – is all covered by My goodness, then while you might not always understand what I am doing, you would trust Me.*" Once we really grasp the goodness of God, our level of trust will change. After seeing this, we will cry out, "I TRUST YOU, GOD!"

**Principle #4 WHEN WE FINALLY GET HOW GOOD GOD IS, IT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES.** The enemy is constantly fighting us over this so that we end up back in the typical whiny state of most Christians. **Once we understand His goodness, we will never be the same again.**