

The Goodness of God Series ~ 2019

Message #9: "I WILL SEE HIS GOODNESS" Part 1

April 28, 2019 – Mark 9:14-24

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

KEYS FOR TODAY'S MESSAGE

MOST of God's people are **NOT** going to experience the blessings of the Word of God because of ① **UNBELIEF** (we don't really believe that God will bless us, which tells HIM that His Word and His integrity are NOT true to us); ② **DISOBEDIENCE** (God can't trust us to do the right thing with our blessing because we won't do the right thing now); ③ **INSECURITY** (we're too afraid of what people say about us now and this will get worse if we are blessed); ④ **INSTABILITY** (the Lord knows that if He blessed us, He would lose us). ⑤ **FEAR** brought on by any of the prior things. As for me, I WILL see His Goodness! **Today, we will focus on UNBELIEF.**

UNBELIEF CAUSES SIN. **Hebrews 3:12 NIV** See to it, **BROTHERS AND SISTERS, that none of you has a sinful, UNBELIEVING heart that turns away from the living God.**

UNBELIEF CAN TAKE YOU TO HELL. **Revelation 21:8 NKJV** *But the cowardly, UNBELIEVING, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*

UNBELIEF BRINGS JUDGMENT. **Psalms 78:21-22 NLT** *When the Lord heard them, HE WAS FURIOUS. The fire of his wrath burned against Jacob. Yes, his anger rose against Israel, 22 for THEY DID NOT BELIEVE GOD or trust him to care for them.*

∞ 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.**