

The Goodness of God Series ~ 2019

Message #10: "I WILL SEE HIS GOODNESS" PART 2

May 5, 2019 – 1 Samuel 15:2-3, 9-11, 22-23

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 REFUSE to 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 DISOBEDIENCE.**

DISOBEDIENCE – lack of obedience or refusal to comply; transgression; unwilling to obey. **Just because something is difficult, that doesn't give you the option to disobey.** The only way to overcome disobedience is to make up your mind to obey, no matter what the cost. **Anything less will lead to SIN.**

John 14:15 Amplified *If you [really] love Me, you WILL keep and obey My commandments.* (The words of the Lord Jesus)

Ephesians 5:6 NLT *Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on ALL WHO DISOBEY HIM.*

Revelation 22:14 NKJV *BLESSED are those who DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*

∞ 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.**