

The Goodness of God Series ~ 2019

Message #13: "I WILL SEE HIS GOODNESS" PART 4

July 7, 2019 – Acts 4:36-37; Acts 5:1-10

2019 DECLARATION: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD WHILE I LIVE BUT I MUST BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD.

KEYS FOR TODAY'S MESSAGE

We've been away from our theme for a while so here's a reminder: **MOST** of God's people are **NOT** going to experience the blessings of the Word of God because of ① **UNBELIEF**; ② **DISOBEDIENCE**; ③ **INSECURITY**; ④ **INSTABILITY** (TODAY'S MESSAGE), or ⑤ **FEAR**. As for me, I WILL see His Goodness!

INSTABILITY – the tendency to behave in an unpredictable, changeable, or double-minded manner; unpredictability in the face of crisis, turmoil, confrontation, challenge, or change. Instability is demonstrated in your behavior, but it starts in the heart. It has everything to do with your motives.

- An unstable Christian is not convinced of the truth of God's Word FOR THEM or the character of God (He CANNOT lie), therefore, they live any kind of way without regard for His Word.
- When you are loyal to God (meaning He can trust you because He trusts your life), He will trust you with things that are on His mind. **Genesis 18:19 KJV** *For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*
- The need for spiritual stability goes far beyond just getting "stuff" or being blessed. It's about having a relationship with God so we can be effective in our homes, churches and community. And then, God will bless us!

∞ 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.**