



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 14: Is God good?

Answer 14: Yes, God is good and exhibits kindness to all of His creatures.

Memory Verse: **Psalm 145:9**
The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Support Verses: **Psalm 34:8**
O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 119:68
Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Romans 2:4
Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Discussion Points:

1. Defining Goodness:

- According to Webster's 1828 dictionary "good" means, "Complete or sufficiently perfect in its kind; Having moral and physical qualities best adapted to its design and use... Virtuous; Kind; benevolent; affectionate; Honorable; fair; unblemished; unimpeached;"
- The Hebrew word "tobah" is used often in the Old Testament to describe this outworking of God's Character toward men as "good," and means, "well-pleasing, fruitful, morally correct, proper..."
- The Greek equivalent in the New Testament is "chrestos" and means, "profitable; fit; useful; moral; gentle; kind."
- As you can see, the "goodness" of God is an attribute that describes so many particular aspects of His character.

2. The definition applied:

- God is completely sufficient in His moral and physical being to fulfill His ultimate purpose.
- There is nothing lacking in God.
- There is not even the opportunity or possibility of failure in anyway.
- There is provision made as a result of His character to provide for the ultimate good and right outcome in every circumstance in all of His creation.
- From the eternal destiny of His most precious creation to the feeding of the smallest sparrow, He shows forth His goodness.



- Consider this provision based on His character applied even to our daily walk.
- You experience His goodness even when you don't realize it, as He intervenes at the perfect time to provide you with a way of escape from temptations. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- You experience His goodness daily in His provision for you. (Matthew 6:25-33)
- And how often the goodness of God goes beyond our daily provision to. (Matthew 7:7-11)
- In fact, His goodness extends beyond those things which we can understand and realize, to things that we cannot and have not even considered. (Ephesians 3:17-20)
- It was Paul's prayer that we would be able to understand just how good God is.

3. The greatest application of His goodness:

- And finally, the greatest good that can be extended to us is found in our last support verse. (Romans 2:4)
- The opportunity to repent!
- In this passage it describes the work of God in goodness as Him "leading us" to repentance.
- The word literally means, "to take hold of and bring to a point of destination."
- It also implies "to lead by accompanying to a place."
- God in His goodness has provided a way for you to turn from sin to His righteousness, and experience eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- But the provision goes beyond a mere opportunity as He takes you by the hand and leads you to, and meets with you at, the place of repentance.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "God of the Ages" (Hymn - #86 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Praise To the Lord, the Almighty" (Hymn - #74 - Rejoice Hymns)