

The Heart of Worship- "The Goodness of God"

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**The longer we look at the heart and character of God
The deeper our heart will grow in worship and love of God**

Mark 10:17-22

"As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ *"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother."*

²⁰ *"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."*

²¹ *Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."*

²² *At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth."*

Misunderstandings about Goodness...

Goodness is measured by behavior.

Goodness is measured in money.

Matthew 6:21

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

James 1:17

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Truths about the Goodness of God

1) God's goodness is displayed in His generosity

2) Good isn't what God does, Good is Who He is.

Ephesians 2:8-10

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do **good** works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Galatians 5:22-23

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

3) God is good all the time.

God is good. The devil is evil.

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