

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER PART V**  
**“THE GOODNESS OF GOD”**  
**NOVEMBER 7-8, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Last week we talked about why God says no. What do you do when He doesn't answer?
- This week we are studying the reality that nothing influences your life more than how you view God.
- His heart for you and His character.

**I. WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?**

- He is good! It is the goodness of God that draws us.
- Psalm 31:19, "...You have stored up great blessings for those who honor You."
- Exodus 34:6-7, "...The Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth..."
- We often misunderstand God.
- Our comfort is not His first concern, our character is.
- Psalm 51:1-2, "God, in Your goodness, have mercy on me. Wash away all my guilt; and make me clean..."
- Hebrews 4:15-16, "...<sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

**II. HE PUTS MY NEEDS ABOVE HIS OWN GOOD**

- God's goodness stands out so much in how He puts me above Him.
- John 15:13, "The greatest love you can have is to give your life for others."

- II Corinthians 5:21, "God took the sinless Christ, and poured into Him all our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us!"
- When God looks at you, He does not see sin. He sees the goodness of Christ. This is the great exchange.
- Romans 8:32 NLT, "Since God didn't spare even His own Son, but gave Christ up for us all, won't He now also give us everything else we need?"

**III. EVERYTHING WE NEED...NOT WANT**

- This is always about relationship.
- Nowhere does the Bible say God will give us everything we ask for, but everything we need!
- God isn't going to give me things that would hurt me or derail my destiny.
- Luke 11:11-13 - God is saying, "I will never give you anything that will hurt you."
- So, when I'm in pain and I pray and I don't see the answers, should I give up? No.
- Keep praying; keep trusting God with the answer.
- Isaiah 55:8-9, "... just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways..."
- I have to trust that He is good.

**CLOSE**

- James 4:2, "You have not because you ask not."
- Satan is not afraid of your plans. But he's scared to death of your prayers.
- Psalm 119:34,40 GNT, "...I want to obey Your principles. Please renew my life with Your goodness!"
- Lamentations 5:21, "Bring us back to you, God; we're ready to come back. Give us a fresh start."