

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Goodness of God in the Land of the Living July 13, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

There is aggressiveness and a battle stance in the goodness of God where we need to position ourselves for this time. We must know that we know the goodness of God. Know that His nature is good and that His plans and purposes are good; that His timing is good and that His heart is good. The Bible says to taste and see that God is good. To taste is to tear open and experience. Scripture also says that God works everything together for our good. Do you believe that, do you really, really believe that?

God said to use His goodness as a banner – a battle cry and a battering ram in war. The goodness of God badgers and harasses the enemy, pushing him back out of the way. The Lord's strategy in war was a continual declaration of goodness of God!

In the Garden of Eden part of satan's deception was to convince Eve that God was holding out on her – that His character and nature was not always good because He was holding out on her. Eve bought into the lie, the deception that God was not absolutely good.

3 key truths about the goodness of God:

1. God works every detail of our lives for good.

Romans 8.28-29 TPT

²⁸ So we are convinced that **every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good**, for we are his lovers who have been **called to fulfill his designed purpose**. ²⁹ For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to **share the likeness of his Son**. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him.

2. God can take hold of what is good and separate it out for His purposes.

Genesis 1.3-4 NIV

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ **God saw that the light was good, and he separated** the light from the darkness.

3. We are to acknowledge and celebrate God because He is always good. Count and number His acts of goodness and do not forget any of His benefits.

Psalms 32.11 TPT

¹¹ **So celebrate the goodness of God!** He shows this kindness to everyone who is his. Go ahead—shout for joy, all you upright ones who want to please him!

Prophetic Exhortation on the Goodness of God:

Come deeper into My goodness. Be enveloped in My goodness and glory. Be filled with it and be filled again. My goodness is part of the essence of My being. Sink down into My goodness and let My goodness cover you. Be saturated in My goodness.

My armor is My goodness. Put on the helmet of salvation – it is filled with My goodness. The mindset of My heart will be found there. Put on the breastplate of righteousness that is saturated in My goodness. I am robing you in My goodness which contains My glory. And tighten the belt of the truth of My goodness around you. Be girded and strengthened by My goodness. Yes, and slip your feet into the shoes of My goodness and walk in My goodness. Then hold close the shield of faith that glistens with My goodness. My goodness repels the fiery darts of accusation. And yes, My goodness is in the sword of My word. The armor is not the entirety of My goodness. No, My goodness is dynamic. It is alive. My goodness lives and breathes. My goodness speaks to you and all that is Mine.

My goodness is part of hope. Part of the future and part of NOW. My goodness is entwined in My mercy and My grace. Taste and see that I am good. My goodness is part of the table I set before you in the presence of your enemies. Oh how My goodness toward you stirs the jealousy of the satan. He cannot experience My goodness any longer.

Dwell in My goodness. It has no beginning and no end. All that is good comes from Me. I do not hold My goodness tight to My chest. I am a generous God pouring out My goodness in abundance. My goodness is who I am. My goodness is a blessing. Experience My goodness in everything.

My goodness is a transport that brings you into the plans that I have for you. My goodness will take you beyond trauma and beyond the hurts and disappointments that come. My goodness flows like a river and will pick you up and bring you into your future.

Philippians 4.8-9 NIV

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.** ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And **the God of peace will be with you.**

- And the God of peace – the Prince of Peace – will be with you.
 - Sar Shalom – sar is a military term having to do with rule and reign and being the head of a military unit – commander in chief.
 - Shalom means peace and complete soundness and welfare.
- The Prince of Peace wars to bring, establish and keep peace in our lives.
- The Prince of Peace and the goodness of God are linked together.
- Staying in the goodness of God is an offensive position – it is place of advancing. God said that His goodness is a transport that will take you past the trauma and pitfalls that the devil wants to keep you in, bringing fragmentation in your life. Sar Shalom wars to keep you whole in your body, soul and spirit.

There is upheaval and turmoil in the atmosphere. We are in a time of exposure. Keep your eyes on the Lord knowing that He is good and works all things together for the good. Sar Shalom – the Prince of Peace is at work. Do not let the evil that is being exposed or will be exposed paralyze you.

PRAYER:

We speak the peace of God into Detroit, into Michigan and into our nation. We declare that God is good and His mercies endure forever. And that our God is working all things together for His purposes for the earth is His and everything in it. Good overcomes evil. Light dispels darkness.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

Blessed are those who walk in the ways of the Lord and His goodness. Let the goodness of God and His great mercy cover our city and the people. We call those in authority and leadership to operate in the wisdom of God and not man. We remain confident of this: **we will see the goodness of the Lord at work in the land of the living!**