

## THE GOODNESS OF GOD

### F. WHAT ARE GOD'S ATTRIBUTES?

1. God is SOVEREIGN.
2. God is HOLY.
3. God is LOVE.
4. God is MERCIFUL.
5. God is GRACIOUS.
6. God is GOOD.

a. The *meaning* of God's goodness refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 119:68; Ex. 33:19, 34:6)

b. The *uniqueness* of God's goodness is that He \_\_\_\_\_ is intrinsically \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 10:18; Romans 3:10-12, 23)

c. The *demonstrations* of God's goodness are displayed...

(1) in \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1; Psalm 33:5)

- What did God repeatedly declare about His creation? (Gen. 1:4, 10,12,18,21,25,31)
- The philosophical proposition goes like this:
  - 1) If God is all good, He would destroy evil.
  - 2) If God is all powerful, He can destroy evil.
  - 3) But evil is not destroyed; therefore, God is not all good or not all-powerful.
- The truth of God's Word is:
  - 1) God, being good, \_\_\_\_\_ create evil. (James 1:13)
  - 2) God created all things \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:31)
  - 3) God gave angels and mankind the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ right from wrong, with consequences for their choices. (Gen. 2:16-17)
- What went wrong? The \_\_\_\_\_ of man into \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Genesis 3)
- How did this change the world?
- How did Adam's sin change mankind? (Gen.6:5; 8:21; Ecc.7:20; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 7:11, 12:34)
- Why are there sufferings and trials in the world? Because of ...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:12; Gen. 3)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:28-32)

- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gal, 6:7; 1 Petr. 4:15)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Job 1-2; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 15:18-21)
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 50:20)
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ . (James 1:2-4)

- Why doesn't God eliminate all sin and suffering on Earth? Because to eliminate all sin & suffering would require God to eliminate all \_\_\_\_\_, and He is not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should perish but He wants them to be \_\_\_\_\_ from eternal suffering. (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:3-6)
- Will all suffering one day be eliminated by God from the Heavens & the Earth? (Rev. 21:1-4)
- What did God promise regarding personal salvation as well as the redemption of the planet? (Gen. 3:15; Luke 19:10; John 10:11; Romans 8:18-25; Rev. 21:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:16)
- Is God still good to the just & unjust in creation & salvation? (Job 22:18; Psalm 65:9-11; Acts 14:15-17; John 3:16)

(2) in \_\_\_\_\_ . (Nehemiah 9:25; Josh. 21:45)

(3) in \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

(4) in \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer. (Romans 8:28; Psalm 84:11)

(5) in \_\_\_\_\_ to you. (James 1:17)

d. The *extent* of God's goodness is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Psalm 31:19; Isaiah 63:7)

e. The *duration* of God's goodness to the believer is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Psalm 23:6; 52:1)

f. The *responses* to God's goodness should be...

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord. (Psalm 27:13)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ . (Psalm 145:7; 73)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ so as to place one's trust in \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved by God's grace. (Romans 2:4; 5:1)