

Behold The Goodness Of God

Romans 11:22

Definitions

- ▶ **Behold** (eidw): *to see with the mind's eye, signifies a clear and purely mental perception.* ["to see, to perceive with the eyes, to perceive by any of the senses ... notice, discern, discover ... to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything, to pay attention, observe, to see about something, to ascertain what must be done about it, to inspect, examine, to look at, behold" (Thayer, 173).

Definitions

- ▶ **Goodness:** "moral goodness, integrity" (Thayer); graciousness.

▶ THAT WHICH COMES FROM GOD TO MAN IS GOOD, BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD –

- ▶ Psalms 25:8; "Good and upright is Jehovah: therefore will he instruct sinners in the way."
- ▶ Psalms 33:4-5 "For the word of Jehovah is right; and all his work is (done) in faithfulness. He loveth righteousness and justice: the earth is full of the lovingkindness of Jehovah."
- ▶ cf. James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning."

God's Goodness Is Seen

- ▶ In The World & Its Provisions (Which Give & Sustain Life) – Genesis 1:31; Psalms 145:15-16; Acts 14:17; 17:25.
 - Evidence of our dependence upon Him & His love for us! Matthew 5:45
 - The satisfaction & rewards of hard work come from His hand. Ecclesiastes 2:24
 - We must trust in Him!

God's Goodness Is Seen

- ▶ God's Word Of Truth – Psalms 119:68, 39. .
 - His commandments. Romans 7:12 (cf. Deuteronomy 4:8; Nehemiah 9:13).
 - Gospel of Christ ("good" news). Luke 4:18-19
 - We need to taste the "*good word of God*". Hebrews 6:5

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- ▶ In Mercy & Forgiveness Of Our Sins – Psalms 86:5.
 - It is God's goodness (not man's) which prompts mercy & forgiveness. Psalms 25:6-7; Romans 5:8
 - God forgives *"for His name's sake."* Psalms 109:21
 - Why would anyone spurn such goodness?

God's Goodness Is Seen

- ▶ God's Goodness Gives Refuge & Blessings To People Of Faith – Nahum 1:7 (2 Timothy 2:19).
 - Every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3
 - God gives us *"eternal comfort and good hope through grace."* 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

What God's Goodness Must Cause Us To Do.

- ▶ Repent Of Our Sins – Romans 2:1-4.
 - Godly sorrow produces changed hearts & lives. 2 Corinthians 7:9-11
 - We will perish unless we repent! Luke 13:3

What God's Goodness Must Cause Us To Do.

- ▶ Continue To Be Faithful To God – Romans 11:22.
 - The one who *trusts* in Him is blessed. Psalms 34:8
 - Whole-being, fervent service of the Lord. Romans 12:1-2, 11

What God's Goodness Must Cause Us To Do.

- ▶ Praise & Thank God For His Goodness – Psalms 106:1; 107:1; 145:7; Jeremiah 33:11.
 - This is why worship must have top priority in our lives! Hebrews 10:24-25

What God's Goodness Must Cause Us To Do.

- ▶ Tell Others Of God's Goodness – Isaiah 63:7.
 - God is merciful to all who call upon Him. Romans 10:14-15 (Psalms 86:5 – part of His goodness)
 - Do not sin by failing to tell others of God's goodness! James 4:17

Conclusion

- ▶ Romans 11:22: Behold the goodness of God! His goodness is seen everywhere!
- ▶ *"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord,"* Psalms 33:5. KJV