

Think of the very worst thing that could happen to you and write it down.

The Goodness of God is One of His Attributes; Some say that it is the "essence" of His eternal nature.

It is first seen in His Creation

"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31).

Thus, the "goodness" of God is seen, first, in Creation in the opening chapters of the Bible.

Repeatedly, God pronounced everything which He created "good" (see Genesis 1:4, 10, 18; I Timothy 4:4).

"God is not only the Greatest of all beings, but the Best. All the goodness there is in any creature has been imparted from the Creator, ..., The goodness of God appears to be the "sum total" or "essence" of all of God's attributes.

"The goodness of God is seen in the variety of natural pleasures which He has provided for His creatures."

The Importance of the Goodness of God

In Genesis 2, God saw that it was "not good" for Adam to be alone, and so He created a wife for him (2:18-25).

Goodness is made up of = Love, Benevolence, Mercy, Grace and Holiness, Righteousness, Truth, Kindness, Eternal, Protection

Love = II Corinthians 13:11 and I John 4:8, 16; "The God of love"

John 3:16 "God loves the world"

Psalm 11:7 "God loves righteousness"

Isaiah 61:8 "God loves judgment"

Benevolent = Psalm 145:9; "The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Merciful = Ephesians 2:4; "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us."

I Chronicles 16:34; Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Grace = Titus 2:11; "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men."

Holiness = Leviticus 11:44; I Peter 1:16; "For I am the Lord your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves and ye shall be holy; for I am holy."

Righteousness = II Timothy 4:8; “the Lord, the righteous judge”

Truth = John 14:6; “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Kindness = Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His kindness is everlasting (Psalms 107:1).

Eternal/Never-ending = "The goodness of God endureth continually" (Ps. 52:1)

Protection = How great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast stored up for those who fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for those who take refuge in Thee, before the sons of men! (Psalms 31:19).

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth. **Exodus 34:6**

Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days (Hosea 3:5).

Good and upright is the Lord. **Psalm 25:8**

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. **Psalm 33:5**

Oh, that men **would give thanks to the Lord** for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness. **Psalm 107:8-9**

All of the above are evidence of God’s goodness as shown from the Scriptures.

To believe these attributes or characteristics of God one must have FAITH in God and in the Scriptures. One must believe with the utmost faith that God is good. To deny this is to deny both God and the Scriptures.