

God's Goodness

Psalm 16:2-O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; (KJV)

Goodness is synonymous with, emanates from and originates with the Lord God. Believers seeking goodness in life will resolutely focus attention on the Lord God. Pursuers of goodness find goodness in the Lord God and cherish the finding. Life changes for the better when God's goodness is recognized in daily life. Turning the heart, mind and soul to the Lord leads to the experience of goodness.

Psalm 21:3-For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. (KJV)

Prayers are necessary to open the eyes to the presence of God's goodness. Strong faith certainly has a place in perceiving God's goodness and cherishing it. Love for God acknowledges the Lord's goodness in the heart, mind and soul. Being still and carefully observing nature reveals God's goodness at work. The heart is fully capable of understanding and appreciating God's goodness.

Psalm 23:6-Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (KJV)

The Lord's goodness is ever-present for believers to discover and embrace. Continuous gratitude is due to the Lord God for the ever-present goodness. Believers are blessed with minds to understand and appreciate God's goodness. Maintaining unity with the Lord enables goodness to be constant for the believer. Repelling sin and evil in daily life keep God's goodness in the forefront of life.

Psalm 25:7-Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.(KJV)

Life's challenges require believers to be discerning in seeking goodness in life. The hunger in the soul yearns for the authentic goodness coming only from God. Care must be taken throughout life not to be deceived in decision-making. All that appears to be outwardly good does not originate with the Lord God. Testing and verification are needed to ensure what appears good comes from God.

Psalm 27:13-I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. (KJV)

God's goodness is apparent and is discoverable throughout the periods of life. Believers with eyes to see will understand goodness in humans, animals and plants. The earth and the sky, the sun and the moon are manifestations of God's goodness. The rain, wind and snow have a part in the goodness of life originating with God. Grateful believers never cease giving thanks to the Lord God for goodness in life.

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