If God Is So Good, Then Why Does My Life Hurt So Bad?

How To Regain Your Divine Perspective *(Part 1)*

Psalm 73:1-28

While the phrase ***"the Lord is good"*** only appears in seven verses in the Bible***,*** the concept of the goodness of God is stated _____ of times throughout Scripture.

Psalm 34:8, 100:5, 107:1, 118:1, 145:9, Nahum 1:7, Lamentations 3:25

The Bible defines God's goodness in two ways**:** One has to do with His _____ and the other has to do with His _____. ***(Psalm 119:68)***

> ***Definition:*** "The goodness of God is His perfect nature that leads Him to do what is right, loving, gracious, and beneficial toward His creation."

"God's goodness is who God is, and it is expressed in what God does."

God's goodness is unchanging because His _____ is unchanging.

Although we may not always understand God's _____, we can always trust God's _____.

It is not easy to understand why things happen as they do in our lives, ***and more importantly,*** it's not easy to understand why a _____ and _____ God would allow those things to happen in the first place.

When you get down to it, that is a normal _____ response to the unknown plans of a _____ God.

What we need to understand is that ultimately the reason why it is so difficult for us to come to terms with the painful realities of life is because we lack _____ perspective.

I. The _____ That He Had *(vv 1-2)*

____ times in the Bible, goodness is presented as one of God's essential core qualities.

What Asaph was really saying was that, "God might be good to other people, but He's certainly not good to _____!"

It is possible to _____ that God is good and yet not _____ and enjoy His goodness.

God didn't change, the change took place when Asaph _____ not to recognize and enjoy His goodness.

The goodness of God is not conditional or occasional. God is _____, He is good all of the time, and He is _____ good to all of His children all of the time!

Our problem is that we often measure God's goodness by the _____ _____.

II. The That He Made *(vv 3-15)*

Asaph's fundamental problem was that he had his eyes fixed on the wrong _____, and because of that, he drew the wrong _____.

He was looking at the lives and the lifestyles of the _____ and _____ and as a result, he was filled with _____.

The Hebrew word for ***"prosperity"*** is a word that suggests "peace, _____, and plenty."

Notice that Asaph not only became envious, but he also began to _____. *(vv 4-5)*

In **vv 6-11,** Asaph went on to document the arrogance and self-sufficiency of those ungodly people, which was seemingly without any _____ whatsoever.

Well, that was simply more than Asaph could take because in **vv 12-15**, he began to conclude that he had made a _____ _____ when he gave his heart to God.

There was no question about it, Asaph was at a critical _____ in his life. So, what was he going to do?

Conclusion:

The key to victory and survival in a fallen world is a constantly _____ relationship with God!

"We don't live by explanations, we live by promises - and God's promises become real to us ***as we grow in our relationship with Him." (Warren Wiersbe)***

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