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# THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13*

## The Goodness of God

Recently, I have been repeatedly considering/contemplating/meditating on the goodness of God over my lifetime. Some of these reflections have been emotional. Even before I surrendered my life to Him as a teen, His goodness toward me was present. 'Good' is a word that is trite anymore, much overused. So, I decided to search the Scriptures to see what Father has to say about His goodness. In the Old Testament, God's goodness is often translated lovingkindness. (When I post daily Scripture passages on my FaceBook page, whenever the word lovingkindness appears, it always is underlined in red, as if it's not a word anymore.) In the New Testament, it is translated simply as kindness.

I am reminded of some thought-provoking aspects of the Lord's goodness.

- David recognized there was no goodness in his life apart from God, that His goodness was always with him, and that the goodness of God is "stored up for those who fear Him."
- As believers, we can experience God's goodness in/through our relationships with one another.
- > The goodness of God is everlasting.
- > Our hearts should be eager to testify of the Lord's goodness.
- > The goodness of the Lord is satisfying to His people.

Here are some Scripture passages that are standouts to me about God's goodness:

When Moses asked God to show him His glory, God responded, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." Exodus 33:19

Then the Lord passed by in front of Moses and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness (goodness) and

truth who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." Exodus 34:6,7

I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You." Psalm 16:2

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, before the sons of men! Psalm 31:19

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the lovingkindness (goodness) of the Lord. Psalm 33:5

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness (goodness) of the Lord endures all day long. Psalm 52:1

Men shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness, and shall shout joyfully of Your righteousness. Psalm 145:7

I shall make mention of the lovingkindness of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His compassion, and according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. Isaiah 63:7

"...And I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 31:14

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? Romans 2:4

In ourselves, we are not worthy to receive God's goodness toward us. Yet through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, He has made us worthy. His goodness is all around us. Let's take time to search for it. Let's have a heart to be awakened to it. For without God's goodness in our lives, we would despair.

## **Responses From You**

From a Christian sister in Louisville: Beautiful...God bless you and yours.

## **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Family & Friends Meeting: Tues, Oct 25, 2016; Tues, Nov 8, 2016 CNCLD; Tues, Nov 22, 2016 Overcomers Group: Thurs, Nov 3, 2016; Thurs, Nov 17, 2016

## Upcoming Ministry Conference

Kingdom Advance: Confronting the Sexual Revolution in our Culture with a Compassionate Call for Ministry to All. Saturday, November 5, 2016; 8:30am-12:00 noon; Crestwood Baptist Church, 6400 Sweetbay Drive, Crestwood, KY 40014. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being prepared Biblically with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly, or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

## Year-end Contributions

It's not too early to begin planning for and praying about your year-end charitable contributions. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to Abba's Delight. Thank you.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25