



## Sermon Notes from 20 October

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### The Goodness of God (*Psalm 100*)

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Our view of God is often too small. We even impose our own standards on God and worship a small God of our imaginations. When our view of God is small, our troubles become big. When our view of God is big, our troubles become small. Let us magnify our view of our Big God!

The Goodness of God is:

#### 1) Immeasurable

His goodness is immeasurable (Eph 5:7), boundless, limitless and infinite. There is no end to His goodness. His perfect goodness endures forever. (Ps 100:5).

#### 2) Immutable

To be immutable is to be unchangeable. God is unchangeable (Mal 3:6a), and so is His goodness. Therefore, we can count on God to be always loving, gracious, merciful, faithful, compassionate and kind.

#### 3) Inseparable

God's goodness is inseparable from His creation (Jas 1:17, Ps 33:5b). He shares his goodness freely by sustaining the world and giving it life. In addition, there is a special kind of goodness given to Christians only because we are His sheep (Ps 100:3). He sent Jesus to be our good Shepherd who knows and loves us. (John 10:14). He knows us better than our best friends and even ourselves. Though we often wonder off foolishly, the good Shepherd always bring us back. Jesus loves us so much that He willingly laid down His life for us, His sheep (John 10:11).

God's immeasurable, immutable and inseparable goodness carries us through difficult times:

#### #1 When you are haunted by regrets

Despite the pain that comes with regrets, God is able to redeem those broken pieces and turn them into a God glorifying tapestry.

#### #2 When your life is not where you want

Where you currently are at now is not an accident. In fact, it is exactly where God has placed you. Others may mean it for evil but God means it for good. (Ge 50:20). If you are willing to trust God and His goodness for you, you will be at peace no matter where He brings you. Otherwise you will be disappointed with Him.

#### #3 When you are suffering

The path to the kingdom of God is filled with tribulations (Act 14:22). While we might not understand His ways, we can be sure that for Christians, all things work together for our good (Ro 8:28). In our suffering, we discover we can lose everything, but you will never lose God. In our suffering, we also learn to appreciate the suffering endured by Jesus on our behalf. Jesus suffered so that we don't have to suffer the effects of sin, death and eternal condemnation.

Therefore, don't magnify your troubles. Instead, magnify God and see your troubles melt away!