

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

A Got Questions Ministries Mini Bible Study

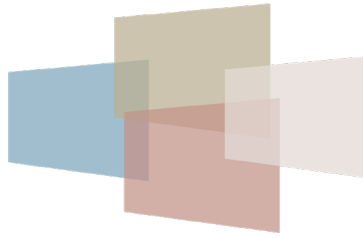


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How to Use This Mini Bible Study

Welcome to the Got Questions Ministries Bible Study! We're so glad you're here!

In these studies you will find content questions to grow your understanding, Bible search questions to dig deeper, and heartfelt questions to spark reflection and discussion. Whether you are a new or seasoned believer, using these Bible studies for personal study or as a small group/Sunday School resource, we hope you will increase in your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ and that you will seek Him more passionately.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
– Jeremiah 29:13

These Bible studies are tools to help you grow in your knowledge of the topics at hand. However, knowing about God is not the same as actually knowing Him. God invites each of us to know Him personally and to

Throughout this study, there will be information to read and questions to answer. Next to the questions will be icons. Here is your key to understanding them:



Content Qs



Engage Qs



Bible Look Up Qs



Reflection Qs

have eternal life through Him.

If we place our faith in Him, trusting in His death on the cross to pay for our sins, we will be forgiven and receive the promise of eternal life in heaven.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that anyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
– John 3:16

If you have not yet trusted in Him for salvation or are unsure if you are saved, please visit: www.gotquestions.org/eternal-life.html.

May God richly bless you as you seek to study His Word and grow in your walk with Him (Joshua 1:8)!





Lesson 1:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.*

Psalm 119:68

*This is the message we have heard from him and
declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness
at all.*

1 John 1:5



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about God's goodness?

*A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I
do to inherit eternal life?"*

*"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one
is good—except God alone."*

Luke 18:18-19



What is the meaning of goodness?



What does it mean that God is light and that in Him there is no darkness at all?



What specific aspects of His character and actions make God good?



Spend some time reflecting on God's goodness. Where in your life do you see evidences of God's goodness? Praise Him that He is good, and praise Him for what makes Him good.



Lesson 2:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about God's goodness despite evil in the world?



Why do people often have difficulties reconciling evil in the world with the goodness of God?



From <https://www.gotquestions.org/all-things-work-together-for-good.html>

The promise that God works all things together for good does not mean that all things, taken by themselves, are good. Some things and events are decidedly bad. But God is able to work them together for good. He sees the big picture; He has a master plan.

Romans 8:28 is about God's goodness and our confidence that His plan will work out as He sees fit. Since His plan is always good, Christians can take confidence that, no matter our circumstances or environments, God is active and will conclude things according to His good and wise design. With this knowledge we can learn to be content (see Philippians 4:11).

The fact that God works all things together for good means God's plan will not be thwarted. In fact, we are part of His plan, having been "called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). When we trust God and His way, we can be sure that He is active and powerful on our behalf (see Ephesians 3:20).

How can we reconcile the difficulties we experience in life with the truth that God works all things together for good for those who trust in Him?



What examples in Scripture remind you of God's goodness in the midst of difficulty or evil in the world?



Where in your life has God brought about good from difficulty or evil?



Reflect on the way that God uses even evil or difficulty for good. Where in your life would you like to see God bring good out of difficulty? Pour out your heart to Him regarding these things. Remind yourself of God's goodness as you seek to see His goodness in these circumstances.



Lesson 3:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.*

Psalm 16:2

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming
down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does
not change like shifting shadows.*

James 1:17



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about God's goodness?



How can every good thing be from God? What is the connection between good things and God's character?



What would you say are the good things in your life? How does recognizing that these things are from God change the way you view them?



If all good things are from God, what does that say about what is bad or evil?



Recognizing God's goodness in His character and actions gives us the proper perspective on the good things in our lives. Looking back at your previous answer about what is good in your life, take time to thank God for each specific thing and add more things if you think of them!



Lesson 4:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.*

Psalms 23



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about God's goodness?



In what specific ways do we see God's goodness in this passage?



Looking at each of the examples of God's goodness in this passage, how do you see similar examples in your life?



From <https://www.gotquestions.org/I-shall-not-want.html>

In one of the most comforting Bible passages, King David declares, “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1, ESV). The word want in this case means “to have a need” or “to lack”; the psalmist’s confident assurance is that, with the Lord as his shepherd, he would never lack a thing. All his needs would be supplied. When we say, “I shall not want,” we also acknowledge our satisfaction with God and what He has given us (Hebrews 13:5; 2 Corinthians 9:8). It means we have learned the secret of contentment, like the apostle Paul, who said, “I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:11–13, NLT).

We may not always have everything we desire, but we can trust God to provide all we need. As He was with Israel in the wilderness, God will always be with us, blessing us in everything, watching our every step, and ensuring we lack nothing (Deuteronomy 2:7). With the Lord as our shepherd, we can confidently say, “I shall not want.”

How does God’s goodness and love toward us allow us to not want and to lack nothing?



God's goodness does not mean we will not experience difficulties in our lives nor does it mean we will have everything we want. However, God provides all we need and we lack nothing. Do you believe that? If you do believe that, thank Him that you truly lack nothing with Him! If you struggle with believing that, talk to Him about it. What do you think you lack? How would seeing God's goodness allow you to entrust your difficulties to Him, knowing He works them all for good?



Lesson 5:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior;
gather us and deliver us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and glory in your praise."*

*Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the LORD."*

1 Chronicles 16:34-36



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about God's goodness?



What is the connection between God's goodness and our response to His goodness?



What do the following passages reveal about praising God?

Psalm 9:1:

Psalm 34:1:

Psalm 95:1-6:

Psalm 150:1-6:

Isaiah 25:1:

Acts 2:46-47:



What practices are helpful in your life to cultivate praise and to remember God's goodness?



Spend some time praising God for His goodness both in His character and for what He has done. Give thanks to Him. This week, how can you give thanks to the Lord and encourage others to also praise Him for His goodness?



Lesson 6:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about God's goodness?



What is the right response to God's goodness and why?



How does reflecting on God's goodness and responding with praise and thanksgiving change your outlook on your circumstances?



***In the midst of your current circumstances, for what can you praise God?
How does reflecting on His goodness in the midst of your circumstances and
responding with praise change your heart attitude?***



From <https://www.gotquestions.org/praise-God.html>

Christians often speak of “praising God,” and the Bible commands all living creatures to praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6). One Hebrew word for “praise” is yadah, meaning “praise, give thanks, or confess.” A second word often translated “praise” in the Old Testament is zamar, “sing praise.” A third word translated “praise” is halal (the root of hallelujah), meaning “to praise, honor, or commend.” All three terms contain the idea of giving thanks and honor to one who is worthy of praise.

Bring your circumstances to the Lord: the praiseworthy and the difficult. Praise God for His goodness and the way you see His goodness in the midst of these circumstances. Let your reflections turn to praise.



Lesson 7:

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*Sun and moon stood still in the heavens
at the glint of your flying arrows,
at the lightning of your flashing spear.
In wrath you strode through the earth
and in anger you threshed the nations.
You came out to deliver your people,
to save your anointed one.
You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness,
you stripped him from head to foot.
With his own spear you pierced his head
when his warriors stormed out to scatter us,
gloating as though about to devour
the wretched who were in hiding.
You trampled the sea with your horses,
churning the great waters.*

*I heard and my heart pounded,
my lips quivered at the sound;
decay crept into my bones,
and my legs trembled.
Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity
to come on the nation invading us.
Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

*The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.*

Habakkuk 3:11-19



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about God's goodness in the midst of difficult circumstances?



What difficulties did Habakkuk experience according to these verses?



What intentional, conscious decision does Habakkuk make in the midst of his difficulties? How does this intentional, conscious decision encourage or challenge you?



In the midst of your difficulties, what truth about who God is do you want to remember?



In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

God is still good even in our difficulties. In what areas of your life do you need to remember that? Write out the truths about God’s goodness that you want to remember. How will you intentionally remember these truths and come to Him when you are weary and burdened?



Wrap Up

Now that you have studied seven lessons on the goodness of God, take some time to reflect on what you've learned and how you will put what you've learned into practice.



How has your understanding of the goodness of God changed or expanded as a result of what you've learned through this study?



What will you change in your life as a result of this study?



Who in your life would you like to see grow in their understanding of the goodness of God? Commit to praying for them. What will you share with them about what you have learned?