



Living in the goodness of God

God is so good (3x),
is so good to ____.





Picture of God

Ps 119:68

“You are **good** and **do good**;
teach me Your statutes.”

1) Character: God's goodness – what it means?
Can we define it?

2) Actions: How good is God? – what God does.

3) When bad things happen, in the face of pain/suffering,
how can we still see God's goodness in our lives?

4) The goodness of God through our Lord Jesus.

1) His Character

“Give thanks to the Lord,
for **He is good.**”
1 Chronicles 16:34

“**Taste and see** that the **Lord is good.**”
Psalms 34: 8

“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 is eternal, and His faithfulness
endures through all generations.”
Psalms 100: 4 - 5





“The goodness of God refers to the perfection of His nature: “God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” (1John 1:5). There is such an absolute perfection in God’s nature and being that **nothing is wanting to it or defective in it, and nothing can be added to it to make it better.**”

Arthur W. Pink
“The Attributes of God”

“He is **originally** good, good of Himself, which nothing else is; for all creatures are good only by participation and communication from God. He is essentially good; not only good; but goodness itself: the creature’s good is a superadded quality, in God it is His essence. He is infinitely good; the creature’s good is but a drop, but in God there is an infinite ocean or gathering together of good. He is eternally and immutably good, for He cannot be less than good than He is; as there can be no addition made to Him, so no subtraction from Him.”





2) His Actions

“All that comes from God
– **His decrees**,
a) **His creation**,
b) **His laws**,
c) **His providences** - cannot
be otherwise than good.”
Arthur W Pink

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel
of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But **his delight is in the law of the Lord,**
and in **His law he meditates day and night.**

3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that brings forth its fruit in its season,
whose leaf also shall not wither;
and whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalms 1: 1 - 3

A painting of a shepherd with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a dark sash, standing behind a large flock of sheep. He holds a long, curved staff. The scene is set in a landscape with rolling hills, trees, and a large tree on the right. The lighting is soft, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

c) Providences: God's kind intervention in our lives

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall **not want** - ***Provision***

2 He makes me **lie down** in green pastures; He leads me
beside still waters - ***Relax***

3 He **restores** my soul; He **leads** me in the path of righteous
for His name's sake - ***Strength & Guidance***



c) Providences: God's kind intervention in our lives

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death;
I will **fear no evil**. For You are with me; Your **rod** and Your **staff**,
they comfort me - **Protection**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my **cup runs over** - **Favour**



c) Providences: God's kind intervention in our lives

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**
- ***Hope for the future***

John 1:1

*"I would have lost heart, unless I had
believed that I would see the goodness
of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait on the LORD; be of good courage,
and He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!"*

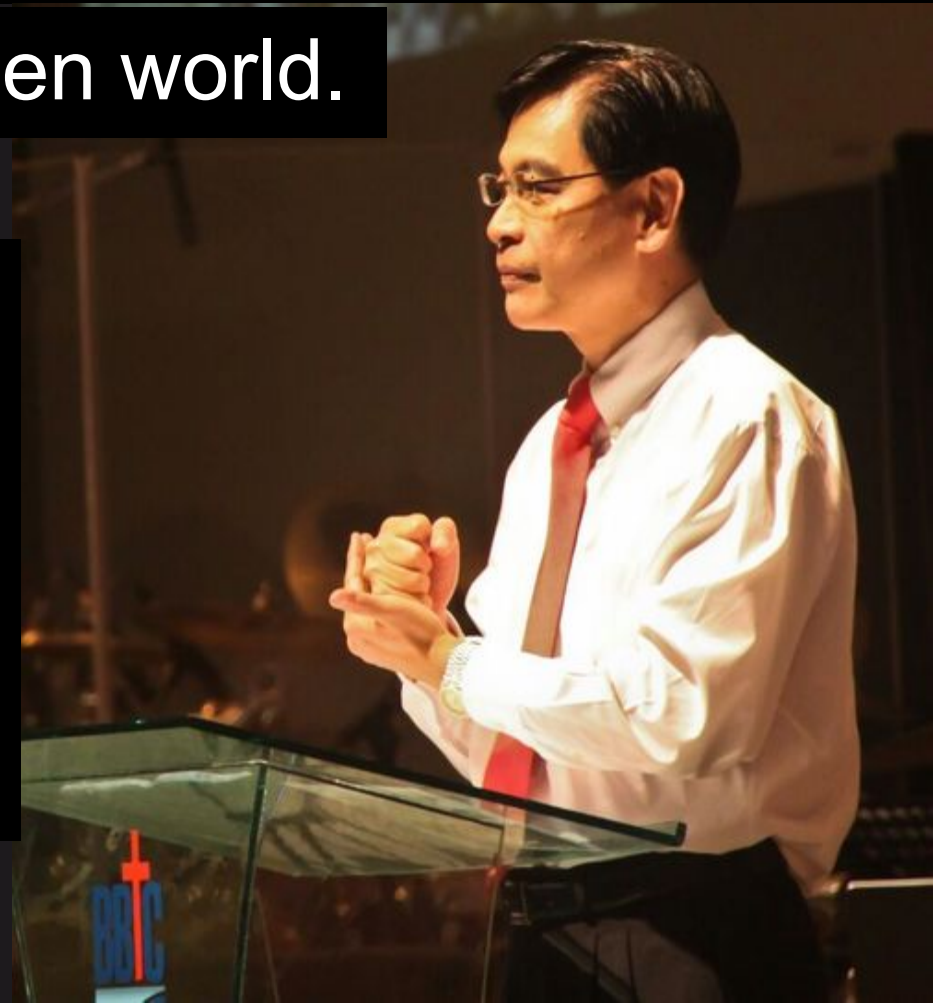
Psalm 27:13-14 NKJV



3) When Bad Things Happen ...

a) Common to man – we live in a fallen world.

“Therefore when someone dies from a sickness or an earthquake, it is **due to** the fallen-ness of man in a fallen world.”
“God is **NOT** the direct source of sickness or all the evil, accidents, wickedness and calamities on the earth.”



3) When Bad Things Happen ...

b) Due to the **evil one**.

c) Due to our own '**faults**'.

d) For **righteousness sake**.





MW Ben Tribe - 7 cases of COVID infection



One of the strategy of
Satan is to cause us
to **doubt**
God's goodness.

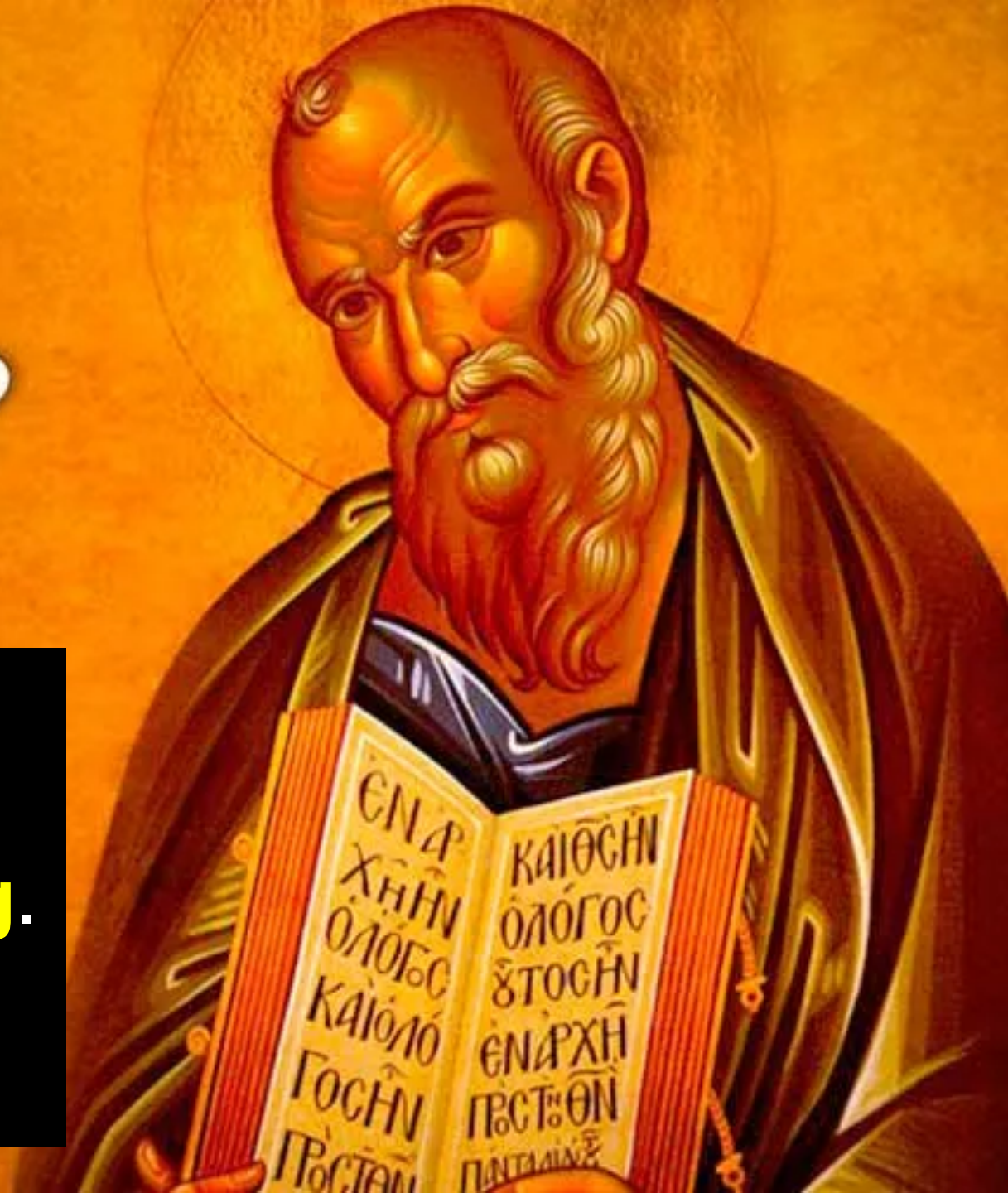
4) The goodness of God through our Lord Jesus Christ



Remember GOOD Friday?
Why was it called Good Friday?

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“Eighty and six years
have I served him and
he has done me no wrong.
Can I revile my King
that saved me?”



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