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God Is For You, For Your Family, and For Your City August 20, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

We must know that we know the goodness of God. Know that His nature is good and that His plans and purposes are good; that His timing is good and that His heart is good. The Bible says to taste and see that God is good. To taste means to tear open and experience. This is no casual encounter. Scripture also says that God works everything together for our good. See into the future and see that by the hand of God everything worked together for the good.

The goodness of God is a banner that He flies over us. His goodness is a battle cry and a battering ram in war. The goodness of God badgers and harasses the enemy, pushing him back out of the way. The Lord's strategy in war is a continual declaration of the goodness of God!

I hear the Lord say:

My armor is My goodness. Put on the helmet of salvation – it is filled with My goodness. The mindset of My heart will be found there. Put on the breastplate of righteousness that is saturated in My goodness. I am robing you in My goodness which contains My glory. And tighten the belt of the truth of My goodness around you. Be girded and strengthened by My goodness. Yes, and slip your feet into the shoes of My goodness and walk in My goodness. Then hold close the shield of faith that glistens with My goodness. My goodness repels the fiery darts of accusation. And yes, My goodness is in the sword of My word. The armor is not the entirety of My goodness. No, My goodness is dynamic. It is alive. My goodness lives and breathes. My goodness speaks to you and all that is Mine.

My goodness is part of hope. Part of the future and part of NOW. My goodness is entwined in My mercy and My grace. Taste and see that I am good. My goodness is part of the table I set before you in the presence of your enemies.

Dwell in My goodness. It has no beginning and no end. All that is good comes from Me. I do not hold My goodness tight to My chest. I am a generous God pouring out My goodness in abundance. My goodness is who I am.

My goodness is a transport that brings you into the plans that I have for you. My goodness will take you beyond trauma and beyond the hurts and disappointments that come. My goodness flows like a river and will pick you up and bring you into your future.

Romans 13.12 TPT

¹² Night's darkness is dissolving away as **a new day of destiny dawns**. So we must once and for all strip away what is done in the shadows of darkness, removing it like filthy clothes. And once and for all we **clothe ourselves with the radiance of light as our weapon**.

- Be alert to how God is moving. Be on alert to see and apprehend the promises of God – there is a healing movement at hand.
- Be alert as God is confirming His word with signs and wonders and miracles of healing.

Romans 8.1-2 The Message

...Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us **no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ**, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

Hebrews 10.22-23 NIV

²² let us draw near to God with **a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ **Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

3 key truths about the goodness of God:

1. God works every detail of our lives for good.

Romans 8.28-29 TPT

²⁸ So we are convinced that **every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good**, for we are his lovers who have been **called to fulfill his designed purpose**. ²⁹ For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to **share the likeness of his Son**. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him.

2. God can take hold of what is good and separate it out for His purposes.

Genesis 1.3-4 NIV

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ **God saw that the light was good**, and **he separated** the light from the darkness.

3. We are to acknowledge and celebrate God because He is always good. Count and number His acts of goodness and do not forget any of His benefits.

Psalms 32.11 TPT

¹¹ **So celebrate the goodness of God!** He shows this kindness to everyone who is his. Go ahead—shout for joy, all you upright ones who want to please him!

GOD IS FOR YOU

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GOODNESS and mercy will surely follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23.6) **ORDAINED** peace of God reigning over you. (Isaiah 26.12) **DELIGHT** yourself in the Lord, He will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37.4)

INTERCESSION made by the Holy Spirit for you. (Romans 8.26) **SINGING** and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5.19b)

FEAR not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. (Luke 12.32) **LORD**, you are my strength, my fortress, and my refuge. (Jeremiah 16.19) **REJOICING** in the glorying of our hope firm unto the end. (Hebrews 3.6b)

YEARS of your life shall be many. (Proverb 4.10b) **OVERCOMERS** born of God. (1 John 5.4) **UNSEARCHABLE** is the greatness of God, great is the Lord and greatly praised. (Psalm 145.3)

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Galatians 5.13, 16-18 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹³ Detroit, **God has called you** to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that Detroit becomes completely free of self-indulgence – that it becomes God's servant, expressing love in all it does.

¹⁶ Detroit, as you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will **abandon the cravings of your old self-absorbed life**. ¹⁷ For your self-absorbed life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit and hinder him from living free within you! And the Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-absorbed life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. ¹⁸ But **when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, Detroit, you will no longer be living under the domination of the old Detroit but soaring above it!**