




A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

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**Knowing the True God:
His Goodness
Psalm 145:7-10**

I. GOD'S GOODNESS IS ABUNDANT (7)

A. He is not stingy with His goodness.

B. How can God be good when there is so much evil in the world?

1. God did not create evil.

2. In spite of man's failure, God set in motion a plan for the redemption of man and creation.

3. God is good to us even in hard times.

Psalm 13:1-2; 42:9-11

II. GOD'S GOODNESS IS COMPASSIONATE (8)

A. His compassion never fails (Lam. 3:22-23).

B. How can God be compassionate when He permits things that are destructive and hurtful to people? (Luke 13:1-5)

C. Three principles to remember:

- 1. God plays by a different set of rules than we do (Isaiah 55:8-9).**
- 2. Final rewards and punishments are not meted out in this life.**
- 3. As finite human beings, we cannot judge an infinite God.**

III. GOD'S GOODNESS IS UNIVERSAL (9-10)

A. He is good to all (9).

“For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Matt. 5:45).

B. Both His people and His creation praise Him (10; 19:1).

Psalm 100

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we
ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His
courts with praise.**

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting

And His faithfulness to all generations.