

# **Goodness, Gracious God**

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**The kingdom of God is still  
the reason we should repent**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

MATTHEW 3:1-3

<sup>17</sup> Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

MATTHEW 4:17, MARK 1:14-15

The Greek word μετάνοια (metanoia), "after/behind one's mind", which is a compound word of the preposition 'meta' (after, with), and the verb 'noeo' (to perceive, to think, the result of perceiving or observing). In this compound word the preposition combines the two meanings of time and change, which may be denoted by 'after' and 'different'; so that the whole compound means: 'to think differently after'.

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**Let's start off with  
the goodness of God**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2 PETER 2:1-3

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 PETER 1:3-5

**Good thinking about  
God's goodness**

<sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

EPHESIANS 2:6-8

## Ask for goodness

**Forgiveness** - Psalm 25:7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

**Fellowship** - Psalm 69:16 Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

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**Help** - Psalm 109:21 But you, Sovereign Lord, **help me** for your name's sake; out of **the goodness of your love**, deliver me.

**As yet unfulfilled Promises** - Psalm 119:65 **Do good to your servant** according to your word, Lord.

ASK FOR GOODNESS

**Affirmation** - Psalm 86:5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. . . 17 **Give me a sign of your goodness**, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

ASK FOR GOODNESS

## Confess His goodness

Goodness will follow me - Psalm 23:6 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.

He instructs me - Psalm 25:8 *Good and upright is the Lord*; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

CONFESS HIS GOODNESS



In this life - Psalm 27:13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Loves it when I call - Psalm 86:5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

CONFESS HIS GOODNESS

His nature is unchangingly good - Psalm 100:5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

His goodness is for all - Psalm 145:9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

CONFESS HIS GOODNESS

**Praise and thank Him  
for His goodness**

Sing praises - Psalm 13:6 I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for **he has been good to me.**

Sing praises - Psalm 135:3 Praise the Lord, for the  
Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is  
pleasant.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKS IN RESPONSE

**Give thanks** - Psalm 106/7:1; Psalm 118:1,29; 136:1  
Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Bring offerings** - Psalm 54:6 I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKS IN RESPONSE

**Testify and pray** - Psalm 116:12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

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