



THE GOODNESS OF GOD

THE RELENTLESS EXPECTATION OF GOOD

**GREAT AND ACCURATE
EXPECTATIONS**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be
afraid? 2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. 3
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though
war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

PSALM 27:1-3 NIV

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling
. . . 6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who
surround me 9 Do not reject me or forsake me, God my
Savior. . . . 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for
false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious
accusations.

PSALM 27:13-14 NIV

13 I would have lost heart, **unless I had believed** That I would
see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. 14 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

13 I am expecting the Lord to rescue me again, so that **once again I will see his goodness to me here** in the land of the living.

PSALM 27:13-14 LB

8 Oh, **taste** and **see** that **the Lord is good!** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8 ESV, 1 Peter 2:2-3 NIV

“It’s impossible for us to create a concept of what He is like that is greater than He really is. He is either greater than we can understand, perceive, describe, or imagine, or He is not God—we are. Neither can we exaggerate His goodness. We can twist it, pervert it, dilute it, and misrepresent it. But the one thing we cannot do is exaggerate the goodness of God.”

- JOHNSON BILL, “God is Good”, Destiny Image Publishers

WHAT TO EXPECT
FROM THIS WORLD

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble. But** take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

EXPECTATIONS OF THIS WORLD

DISGRACE	Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.
AFFLICTION	2 Tim 1:8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,
MISTREATMENT	Heb 13:3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
TRIALS	1 Pet 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials .
SUFFERINGS	1 Pet 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

EXPECTATIONS OF THIS WORLD

CALAMITY	1 Pet 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.
TESTING	James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial , because when he has stood the test , he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.
TRIBULATION	1 Th 1:6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering , you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.
HARDSHIPS	Acts 20:23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.
LOSS	1 Cor 3:15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss ; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

**WHAT TO EXPECT
FROM THE ENEMY**

10 The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 16:33 ESV

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR ENEMY

SERPENT	Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.
GREAT DRAGON	Revelation 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
WOLF	John 10:12 The hired hand . . . sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.
DEVOURING LION	1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour .
SOWER OF WEEDS	Matthew 13:25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR ENEMY

MURDERER	John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning , not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.
FATHER OF LIES	John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, . . . When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies .
GOD OF THIS AGE	2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
TEMPTER	Matthew 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 1 Thessalonians 3:5 I was afraid that in some way the tempter had . . .
EVIL ONE	Matthew 13:19 . . . the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. Matthew 13:38 The weeds are the people of the evil one ,

WHAT TO EXPECT
FROM THE LORD

Every **good gift** and every perfect gift **is from above**, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17 ESV

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR FATHER

<p>GOD</p>	<p>God (Rev. 21:7), God Who Avenges Me (Ps. 18:47), God Blessed Forever (Rom. 9:5), God Who Forgave Them (Ps. 99:8), Our God Forever and Ever (Ps. 48:14), The God of Glory (Ps. 29:3), The God of My Life (Ps. 42:8), The God of My Mercy (Ps. 59:10), God in the Midst of Her (Ps. 46:5), God Manifest in the Flesh (1 Tim. 3:16), God of My Righteousness (Ps. 4:1), God of My Salvation (Ps. 18:46; 24:5), God of My Strength (Ps. 43:2), God with Us (Matt. 1:23), The Great God (Titus 2:13), The God of Gods (Deut. 10:17), The God of All Grace (1 Pet. 5:10), The God of Hope (Rom. 15:13)</p>
<p>KING</p>	<p>The King Eternal (1 Tim. 1:17), The King Immortal (1 Tim. 1:17), The King Forever and Ever (Ps. 10:16), The King Invisible (1 Tim. 1:17), The King of All the Earth (Ps. 47:7), The King of Glory (Ps. 24:7,8), The King of Heaven (Dan. 4:37), The King of Israel (John 1:49), King of Kings (Rev. 19:16), The King of Peace (Heb. 7:2), The King of Righteousness (Heb. 7:2), King of Saints (Rev. 15:3)</p>

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR FATHER

GOOD

Psalm 107:1 . . . For he is good, . . . Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 31:19 Oh, how abundant is your goodness, James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . goodness . . . Psalm 119:68 You are good and do good Lamentations 3:22-26 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. Psalm 145:8-10 . . . The Lord is good to all, Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

HOLY SPIRIT

His Holy Spirit (Isa. 63:10), The Holy Spirit of God (Eph. 4:30), The Holy Spirit of Promise (Eph. 1:13), The Holy Spirit Sent from Heaven (1 Pet. 1:12), The Holy Spirit Who Is in You (1 Cor. 6:19), The Holy Spirit Who Dwells in Us (2 Tim. 1:14), The Promise of the Father (Acts 1:4), Rivers of Living Water (John 7:38), The Seal of God (Rev. 9:4), Spirit of ;Adoption (Rom. 8:15), Burning (Isa. 4:4), Christ (Rom. 8:9; 1 Pet. 1:11), Counsel (Isa. 11:2), Glory (1 Pet. 4:14), Grace (Zech. 12:10; Heb. 10:29)

12 What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits
[goodness] to me?

Psalm 116:12 ESV



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