

# GOD IS GOOD

## Lesson 1

**Good:** *that which is morally right; best and gives what is best; incapable of doing harm.*

	How is God's GOODNESS shown in these Scriptures?	Observations, Questions, Synonyms, Other Attributes	What difference does God's GOODNESS make in my life?
<p><b>Exodus 34:1-8</b></p> <p>The LORD said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup> Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain." <sup>4</sup> So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and pro-claimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,<sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." <sup>8</sup> Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.</p>			

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<p><b>1 Chronicles 16:34</b> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.</p>			
<p><b>Psalms 23</b> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  he leads me beside quiet waters,  <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.  He guides me along the right paths  for his name's sake.  <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>  I will fear no evil,  for you are with me;  your rod and your staff,  they comfort me.  <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  in the presence of my enemies.  You anoint my head with oil;  my cup overflows.  <sup>6</sup> 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.</p> <p><i>a. Ps 23:4 – or, the shadow of death.</i></p>			

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<p><b>John 10:1-15</b></p> <p>“Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gate-keeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.<sup>[a]</sup> They will come in and go out, and find pasture.</p> <p><i>a. John 10:9 – or, kept safe.</i></p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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<p><b>John 10:1-15 – continued</b></p> <p><sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.</p>			
<p><b>Galatians 5:22-25</b></p> <p>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.</p>			
<p><b>What other scriptures come to mind?</b></p>			

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### **Reflections**

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Psalm 52:9

Romans 8:28

Recall and describe a time in the recent past when you have exclaimed, "God is so good!"

Tell of a time or times when you have actually seen the good that God has brought out of bad circumstances.

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### **Lecture Notes**

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### **Prayer Requests**

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