



The Harvest

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All the Good Things

*“Then Adonai descended in the cloud, stood with him [Moses] there,
as he called on the Name of the Lord.
Then Adonai passed before him, and proclaimed,
‘Adonai, Adonai, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,
and abundant in lovingkindness and truth,
showing mercy to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression
and sin, yet by no means leaving the guilty unpunished, but bringing
the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and upon the children’s children,
to the third and fourth generation.’”
~ Exodus 34:6-7 ~*

We serve a good God. Whether or not you’re not convinced of that yet, I am excited to jump into this series with you. The world oftentimes paints God in a negative light. And other times, the actions of people who claim to follow the Lord turn others – even believers – away from God. The enemy does a really good job at making God appear bad.

As we all know, however, things are not always as they appear to be. The same goes with God. His goodness is not defined by the way the world portrays Him, nor is His character determined by flawed human beings. Thank goodness! He remains true to Himself, regardless of what happens in the world.

*“God is not a man who lies,
or a son of man who changes His mind!
Does He speak and then not do it,
or promise
and not fulfill it?”
~ Numbers 23:19 ~*

This is an important verse to dwell on. I want you to stop and read it again – a couple times. Let the truth sink in: **there is nothing that God has promised about Himself or about you on which He will fail to follow through. He will keep EVERY SINGLE PROMISE.**

Pause: Write this verse out on a notecard. Put it somewhere you can see it every day. Remind yourself of His faithfulness and His goodness towards you. And every time you feel discouraged or distant from the Lord, read it again. After you’ve written the verse out and put it where you can see it, take some to write down your prayers to the Lord. Do you believe He is faithful? Do you believe He will fulfill every promise? What do you believe about the Lord? In which areas of life do you doubt He will show up? Conversely, where have you seen Him work in your life? Do you believe He will continue to be faithful in that area?

At times, it can be really difficult to see the goodness of God when we get overwhelmed by our circumstances. That’s why it is so important for us to dwell on who God is! Knowing who He is allows us to stand strong against the world, the attacks of the enemy, and our circumstances. In addition, knowing His character helps us to discern when someone is acting on behalf on God’s Kingdom: *“If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand” (Mark 3:24-25)*. Knowing God changes everything – our hearts, our outlooks on life, how we interact with others, etc. Knowing that God is good provides hope beyond the here and now.

Spend some time reading and dwelling on these verses: *Nahum 1:7, Psalm 31:19-20, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 135:3, James 1:17, and Romans 2:4*. Let the truth of God’s goodness sink into your heart. If you’re not convinced or if you remain unsure of who He is, it’s okay. Learning to trust takes time. Together, we’ll continue to dive into more of God’s character over the coming weeks. My prayer is that, by the end of these studies, you’ll have a fuller understand of God and His heart towards you and the world. For now, just be honest with where you are and take tangible steps towards learning about who He is by diving into His Word.

Dwell on who you believe God is. Write down all the characteristics of God that you can think of. Then circle the ones that you REALLY believe to be true about Him in your heart. Don’t be afraid to be honest: God already knows your heart anyway. Watch over the coming weeks as He transforms your heart towards Him.

- Worship:
- ~ Victor’s Crown by Darlene Zschech
 - ~ Holy (Jesus You Are) by Matt Redman
 - ~ Unchanging by Chris Tomlin
