

The Christian Broadcasting Network



God's
Goodness
and
Mercy



The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths
of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD
forever.

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

It is an important practice to take time and meditate on the magnificent aspects of God's character. Consider what Psalm 23 alone tells us about our wonderful Lord. He is our shepherd, and our limitless, generous, provider. He is a leader and renewer of strength. He is an able guide who always chooses the right way. God is a fearless, close companion. His strength is a comfort. He is a warrior and protector. He is a gracious host and a bountiful giver. And He has assigned goodness, love and mercy to pursue us each day of our lives through eternity.

Isn't it amazing to know that the Almighty God, awesome in power and might, is also fully committed to be merciful? He not only loves—he is the very essence of love itself. Our God is love. The Bible tells us that God has lavished His love upon us, His children. Can you picture this in your mind? Sometimes we imagine God as stingy with His love, as though He is handing out small portions in a grudging manner as we need it. But this is not the case. The Bible declares that God lavishes His love on us!

Webster's Dictionary defines lavish as "bestowing profusely," "in abundance," and "marked by profusion or excess." That is the measure God uses in loving you. It is because of this abundant love that God has promised that His goodness and mercy will always be with you. In fact, the Bible says that His goodness and unfailing love will pursue you each day of your life.

We haven't earned this goodness and

mercy. It is God's gift to us through the redemption we have in Christ Jesus. God took our sin and exchanged it for Christ's righteousness because of Jesus' death and resurrection. When we accept Him as Lord and Savior, all the riches in Christ become ours. All the mercy, all the goodness, all the love, all the security—everything is ours in Jesus.

Please take time to consider the following verses. Speak them aloud and claim them as your own. May God bless you and may the truth of these Scriptures fill you with confidence, comfort, peace and the assurance of God's presence watching over you every step of the way.

2 Samuel 24:14

And David said to Gad,
“I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

Psalms 86:5

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Psalms 145:9

The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Luke 6:36

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy,

because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

Psalms 25:6-7

Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

James 2:13

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Deuteronomy 4:31

(For the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalms 31:19

Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!

Lamentations 3:22

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

Psalms 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

