

GOD IS GOOD!

PSALM 119:65-72

Introduction:

Five of the eight lines in this stanza begin with the Hebrew word translated “good”. It is truly a stanza about the goodness of our God. Right in the midst of the stanza the young Hebrew psalmist exclaims in worship, “You are good and do good!”

This is consistent with the original revelation of Himself that God made to Moses on the mountain. When Moses asked to see His glory, God responded, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you.” (Exodus 33:19) This young psalmist had lived long enough that he could declare, “You have dealt well with your servant.” “Well” is related to the word good.

There are at least four expressions of the goodness of the Lord set forth in this stanza.

I. GOD IS GOOD IN ALL HE IS

“You are good, and do good.” This is where you start in gaining an understanding of the nature of God. The Eternal is Eternal goodness.

Whatever else we know about God, we know that He is good.

II. GOD IS GOOD IN ALL HE DOES.

“You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to your word.”

“”You are good, and do good.”

III. GOD IS GOOD IN ALL HE ALLOWS.

“Before I afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.”

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes.”

Whether God sends the afflictions, or permits the afflictions may be a matter of interpretation, but in the end it means the same thing. The psalmist saw the good hand of God in the trouble that had come into his life. The afflictions had worked in his life for good.

1. The afflictions that He allows change us.
2. The afflictions that He allows teach us.

IV. GOD IS GOOD IN ALL HE SAYS.

“The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of shekels of gold and silver.”

O the goodness of our God and Father!