

SERMON NOTES

Series: Maui Musings

Title: Is God Good All the Time?

Text: Psalm 100:5

Topic: The Character of God

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Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

God welcomes our **anguished honesty**.

Goal: 1. To look at why focusing on God's **goodness** is so important and 2. why when you forget to focus on God's goodness it causes **problems**.

One way to understand and experience God's goodness is by **worshiping** God. Psalm 34:9

WHEN YOU FORGET GOD'S GOODNESS: You start **claiming credit for things that God did for you.**

"Look at all of what I've accomplished. Look at all the wealth that I've amassed. What am I going to do with all this wealth? I'll build bigger barns to store it all in. You fool. Tonight, you're going to die and I'm going to give everything you've amassed to somebody else who will appreciate it and express their gratitude to Me." Luke 12:17-20

The number one worst sin is **prideful ingratitude**.

"One day King Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and he made a speech to the people. They shouted, 'This is the voice of a god! It's the voice of a god. He's more than a human!.' Because Herod gave

no credit to God, the Lord sent an angel to strike him down with a fatal disease, and he died." Acts 12:21-23.

Everything you have in your life; you **owe to God**.

Don't focus on what you **don't have**, focus on what you **do have**, and recognize it is the result of the goodness of God.

Ingratitude is the root of **atheism**.

"Since God created everything, ...people have always been able to see his goodness and power in nature." Romans 1:20-21

The design of the universe is evidence of **a designer**.

"They know God exists, but they do not give Him credit for all He's made, and they're ungrateful. Their thinking becomes confused, and their hearts fill up with darkness, and they think they're wise, but really they have become fools." Romans 1:21

Bad things happen to good people, but that reality does not **negate the goodness of God**.

Ungratefulness is one of the signs we are **living in the last days**.

*"As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, arrogant, profane, rebellious, **ungrateful**...and have no respect for what is sacred." II Timothy 3:2.*

"What do you have that God hasn't given you?" 1 Corinthians 4:7

"Every good and perfect gift comes from God." James 1:17.

If all you have is from God, why do you act as though you're so great, and as though you accomplished it all on your own?" 1 Corinthians 4:7