

Series: Maui Musings
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"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness of the Lord..." Psalm 27:13-14.

"The plans I have for you are good plans. Plans for good, not for disasters. To give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Review: One of the ways we understand God's goodness is by **worshiping** God.

"Worship God if you want the best, because worship opens the doors, to all God's goodness." Psalm 34:9.

There are negative consequences when we forget or doubt the goodness of God.

1. You start claiming **credit** for things that God did for you.
2. You stop **asking** God for help.
3. You stop **trusting** God in difficult times.
4. You become **pessimistic** about the future.

HOPE IS ANTICIPATING GOD'S GOODNESS. If God is not a good God, there is no **rational reason** for hope.

"For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good." You can miss God's good plan by following **your own plan**.

Psalm 23 lists nine benefits of God's goodness. **Because God is good...**

1. **He will meet your needs when you're worried!** *"The Lord is my shepherd, I will lack nothing."*
2. **He will teach you how to relax when you're stressed out!** *"He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters."*
3. **He will replenish your strength when you're running on empty!** *"He restores my soul." "He gives me new strength."*
4. **He will guide you when you are confused!** *"He guides me in the right paths...."*
5. **He will walk with you in your dark and fearful days!** *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."*
6. **He will protect you when you feel insecure!** *"Your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*
7. **He will publicly show his favor on your life!** *"You prepare a banquet for me in front of all my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows."*
8. **He will be good to you no matter what happens!** *"Surely, goodness, and mercy will follow me all the days of my life."*
9. **He will take you to heaven one day!** *"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

"My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. I am the Good Shepherd. "I am the Good Shepherd, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:10-11. **Jesus** is the ultimate expression of God's goodness.

"I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands. Isaiah 49:15-16