The God You Think You Know

Part 5

**God is Good**

God is good. He is the source of goodness. His goodness originates from Himself. He depends upon nothing outside of Himself for being good.

God is not evil. Even though bad things happen, and will continue to happen until the new heavens and new earth, God is still good, not evil. The Bible affirms: 1 John 1:5, Psalm 119:68, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 145:9

Let’s look at an encounter Jesus had with a man who recognized something in Jesus that helps us understand goodness from a human viewpoint and God’s point of view. Mark 10:17-22

When man sinned against God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he lost his relationship with God and became sinful. There is no man or women on the face of the earth that is good and without sin. We are lacking.

“As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)

We are justified by faith apart from any goodness or good deeds done.

“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:24 (NKJV)

**EXPERIENCING GOD’S GOODNESS**

1. Only is good.

You must recognize the goodness of God and your sinfulness. You must experience Him to know that He is good and you are not.

“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

**1 Peter 2:2–3 (NKJV)**

2. You can’t be without God.

We all struggle with acceptance and being “good enough.” If we would admit it, we all know we are lacking.

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

**Jude 24–25 (ESV)**

3. Give up or sad.

Whatever is more important to you than Jesus, is keeping you from Jesus. He knows it and loves you still. But if you don’t give it up, you will go away sad.

In the case of the rich, young ruler, the Bible doesn’t tell us if he ever gave up his riches and came back to Jesus. God knows our heart. He knows the thing/s that are keeping us from Him. If you were having a one-on-one encounter with Jesus what would He ask of you? You don’t have to go away from this worship time sad.

**MINISTRY TIME** . . .

Pray for people who speak Somali. Below is John 3:16 from the Somali Bible.

Ilaah intuu dunida jacayl u qabay ayuu siiyey Wiilkiisa keliya oo dhashay in mid kastoo isaga rumaystaa uusan lumin laakiinse uu lahaado nolosha weligeed ah.