

## **B. God's goodness is to be proclaimed.**

1.) Sing about God's goodness.

*Ezra 3:11, And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.*

Because of God's goodness, Israel sang praises together in response of God's goodness toward them. We too must sing corporately to our God and to each other of His goodness in our lives.

2.) Raise your voice about God's goodness. II

*Chronicles 5:13, It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;* We too must lift up our voices loudly proclaiming to others that God is good.

Notice that musical instruments are used as a means to praise our God.

## *The Journey of God's Goodness*

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**Definition of God's goodness:** *God is kindhearted, gracious, good-natured and benevolent in intention. We would believe that God never thinks any bad thoughts about anybody and He never had any bad thoughts about anybody. God is not only infinitely good, He is perfectly good. God is never partway anything! When I say that God is kindhearted, I mean that He is perfectly so.* (A.W. Tozer)

## **I. Recognize God's goodness.**

### **A. God's goodness is universal.**

1.) God is good. Psalm 100:5  
*For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.* God's goodness is available to all. His goodness is not based on who we are but on who He is.

2.) God is good to all.  
Psalm 145:9, *The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.* God is good to everyone all of the time no matter what the circumstance may be. His goodness has no limit.

### **B. God's goodness is to be experienced.**

1.) Savor God's goodness.  
Psalm 34:8, *O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.* This is an invitation to savor God's goodness as we enjoy and savor our favorite meal. The result of savoring God's goodness is trusting in Him. The result of trusting God will bring great joy and happiness. We will not trust Him until we truly know Him and know that

He is always good. Notice that this invitation of experiencing God's goodness is available to all people!

2.) See God's goodness.

Psalm 27:13, *I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* Like David we will faint unless we see and experience the goodness of our God! Look to see God's goodness and remember His goodness throughout your life.

## **II. Respond to God's goodness.**

### **A. God's goodness is to be praised.**

1.) The reason to praise God.  
Psalm 135:3, *Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.* Because God is good, we must praise Him. It should be pleasant and natural for a believer to sing praises to our God in response to His goodness.

2.) The urge to praise God.  
Psalm 107:8, *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!* There must be an urgency for us to praise God. Since God is always good to us how can we not but praise Him! The more we reflect on His goodness and His wonderful works that He has done in our lives, the more we should have an urge to praise Him.