

"THE GOODNESS OF GOD"

EXODUS 34:6-8

I. THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS EQUIVALENT TO THE GLORY OF GOD

II. THERE IS A NARROWER SENSE IN WHICH THE GOODNESS OF GOD REFERS TO HIS SPECIFIC RESPONSES TO PEOPLE

A. Considering Who And What We Are, The Goodness Of God Is A Thing To Be Marvelled At

B. Consequently It Becomes One Of The Most Cherished Truths About God In The Hearts Of Men

1. The Basis Of Moses' Intercessions (Numbers 14)

2. The Basis Of The Urgings Of Hezekiah For The People To Return To The Lord (II Chronicles 29-30)

3. The Reason Jonah Fled His Call To Ninevah (Jonah 4)

III. THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS DISPLAYED IN HIS BENEVOLENCE

A. Benevolence Is God's Display Of His Desire For The Well Being Of All His Creatures (Psalms 145 & 104)

B. The Lord Jesus Illustrated The Principle (Matthew 6)

IV. THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS DISPLAYED IN HIS MERCY

A. A Multifaceted Scriptural Concept

1. Compassion

2. Pity

B. God Will Test Us To See Whether We Think Thoughts That Are Honoring To Him Or Whether In The Time Of Trial We Think Thoughts That Are Degrading Of Him

V. THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS DISPLAYED IN HIS GRACIOUSNESS