

## Lesson 0435A

Video/CD Title: God is Good – Session 1  
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**Introduction: God’s Goodness Shapes Our Reality** We will always reflect the nature of the world we are most aware of. The hope of the world is not the return of the Lord; that’s the hope of the church. The hope of the world is the power of the Gospel. You know your mind is renewed when the impossible looks logical. Every revelation of God’s nature is an invitation to encounter. Allow what God shows you to have greater weight in your life than the thousand questions you’re asking.

**Discussion 1:** The goal of today’s session is to recalibrate how you think and how you live. One of the most fundamental activities of a Christian is prayer. This is not simply asking God for something; it’s interacting with God. It’s your dialogue with the Father. If your heart is not grounded in His goodness, you will come to Him with hesitation. Fear. Maybe shame and guilt. You will not pray boldly, expecting breakthrough.

It’s time to change our perspective on God’s goodness and start praying His *good will* over every situation and struggle we’re facing.

Scripture makes it clear that God’s will is to heal the sick, deliver the tormented, and save the lost. John 10:10 reminds us that the thief (Satan) came to steal, kill, and destroy; Jesus came to bring life and actually destroy the works of the devil. It’s time to partner with the will of God by praying His purposes over every situation that is out of alignment with His good plan.

### Drill Down 1:

- Read Psalm 34:8. How does tasting the goodness of God change the way you see and interact with the world around you?

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- What does it look like to taste and see that the Lord is good?

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- How is saying “God allowed it” similar to blaming God for causing the horrors of the world?

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- How does saying (and believing) this help you to trust Him with your life?

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- How can you experience God's goodness without completely understanding it?

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- What do you think it means to "see from divine perspective"?

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- How does this relate to seeing your current situation in light of God's goodness?

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### Drill Down 2:

- Find the gloomiest man in your home today, ask him to share what has him downcast today, and offer to pray for him. Begin your prayer with a declaration of God's goodness rather than going right into asking and petitioning. This approach will dramatically shift the way you pray for your brother, focusing first and foremost on God's goodness. His goodness will set the standard for the kinds of prayer that you will pray.

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**Post Lesson Instructions:** Practice beginning your prayers with a declaration of God's goodness believing He is really good.