

Who Do You Think You Are Talking To?

Your understanding of what God is really like shapes everything else in your life, including how you pray!

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For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and His faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.



The Living Bible

BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD:

1. GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.



Jeremiah 29:11-12

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How great is the goodness You have stored up for those who fear You. You lavish it on those who come to You for protection, blessing them before the watching world.



Psalm 31:19

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BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD:

- 1. GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD
- 2. HE DOES NOT SAY YES TO EVERY REQUEST



Four ways God answers prayer

- Wrong request = No
- Wrong timing = Slow
- Wrong heart = Grow
- If all is good = Go!

"You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not!



"...So if you, as sinful people, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"





And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.



Romans 8:28

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God always has a good purpose for what He allows



⁸ "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.

⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.





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BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD:

- 1. GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD
- 2. HE DOES NOT SAY YES TO EVERY REQUEST
- 3. GOD ALWAYS GIVES ME WHAT I NEED, NOT WHAT I DESERVE



He does not punish us for all our sins; He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For His unfailing love towards those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.



Psalm 103:10-12

God in His goodness rewards our obedience

God in His goodness corrects our disobedience

God in His goodness does not hold our disobedience against us



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"I am the good shepherd; I know My own sheep, and they know Me,¹⁵ just as My Father knows Me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.



John 10:14-15

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.



For God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us!



The Living Bible

Three Deceits:

I just need to believe
God is too good to allow hell
I just need to be good enough



"He died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, filling us with God's goodness."



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Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?



Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, then I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!



Psalm 23:6

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Any time God wants to do something great in your life, in your family, in your church, in your career, or in your nation He begins by moving you to pray!