

# Bible Study: The Character of God

## V. God is Good

**Passages to read:** Psalm 34:8, 143:10, 145:7-10, 146:7-9; Micah 6:8; John 10:11-14;  
Romans 12:2; James 1:13-17

### **Related passages for personal study:**

- \* Psalm 84:11, 86:5
- \* Matthew 5:40-48
- \* Romans 7:18, 12:9-21
- \* Titus chapter 2
- \* 3 John 1:11

### **Descriptions of “good”:** (there are various words translated “good”)

- \* Desirable, beneficial, agreeable
- \* Moral excellence
- \* Kind
- \* Beautiful, pleasing, useful, noble, worthy
- \* Upright, righteous

### **Aspects to Consider:**

- \* God’s goodness to all vs. God’s goodness to the righteous
- \* God’s good works, will, pleasure, purpose

**What is goodness characterized by?** (What are examples of “good” things?)

**How should God’s character as good affect me?**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- \* Why do bad things happen in the world? (Natural disasters, etc.)
- \* Why does God allow sin to go on?
- \* Why does God allow bad things to happen to innocent people?
- \* Why do “bad” things happen to saints? (for example, Job, Ananias, Paul)
- \* What does God mean when He says, “all things work together for good to them that love God” (Romans 8:28)?