

# God is Good



**Luke 18:19**

- The Study of the Attributes of God
  - The Attributes of God – the inherent characteristics of God.
  - The purpose: is to draw us closer to God.
  - The goal: To make us aware of God's great love for us.
  - Spiritual Principle: Authority, Unconditional love, Agreement, Faith, Grace
- Lesson Taught:
1. God Is Faithful - Deuteronomy 7:1-9
    - What does it mean to say God is faithful? (Psalm 100:5)
    - The word "faithful" means reliable, fidelity, firmness, stability, trustworthy, dependable or true to one's word.
    - Faithfulness points directly to God's divine nature and character. God is not trying to be faithful – He is faithful.
    - Faithfulness is essential to His very being without it He wouldn't be God.

## God Is Good Luke 18:19

- Jesus declared in Luke 18:19, "No one is good – except God alone." John declares in (1 John 1:5), "And God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all."
  - God is true to His nature and goodness is a part of His nature.
  - The word "goodness" means the state or quality of being good. It means moral excellence, virtue, kindly feeling; kindness; generosity, excellence of quality; goodness of workmanship.
1. Unchanging truth about God, God is good in and of Himself.
    - God's goodness has no expiration date.
    - God never has to add anything to Himself to make Him better or good. (Psalm 34:8, 33:5, 145:9, 119:68)

**2. God is good in all of His ways. (Genesis 1:1-31, 3:15)**

- God reveals His goodness right from the very beginning of creation. Both before and after the fall of man in the garden. (Genesis 1:1-31, 3:15)

**3. Notice God's goodness at work as it relates to humanity (vs. 14-15).**

- (vs. 15) – God said to the serpent: And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.
- God is perfect and holy in all of His ways (Psalm 18:30), but that isn't true with humanity which are sinful and imperfect.
- God hates sin but instead of rejecting or abandoning us – He chose to die for us. (John 3:16, Romans 6:23)
- We deserved judgement for our sins, the punishment of our sin demanded death. Yet God through His Son Jesus Christ gave us grace, mercy, love, and goodness.
- Yet He still loves us. (John 3:16, Matthews 11:28-30)
- Yet He still does good toward us. (Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28, John 14:1-2)
- Yet not because we deserve anything or have done anything to earn anything from God – “Simply, because of who God is – God is good.” (Lamentations 3:22, Psalm 119:68)

**4. God always gives us the best of Himself (Jesus Christ). (John 3:16)**