

## **“GOD IS GOOD” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER**

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is “*Good*”. He is virtuous, excellent and upright. He is complete and sufficiently perfect in His kind for there is no other like Him.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Psalm 119:68 "You are *good*, and what You do is *good*, teach me Your decrees."

Our encouragement from this verse is that God is *Good*. His character of complete and perfect *goodness* is beyond our human wisdom and understanding because He alone is complete and sufficiently perfect in *true goodness*. The psalmist who wrote this reminds us that no matter what we see, hear or suffer in this world, this does not change the fact that God is *good* and what He does is ultimately and eternally *good*. Throughout the whole chapter of this psalm, the psalmist shares plots, slanders, taunts, persecutions and affliction that he suffered through in his life and even though he experienced all of these great troubles and tragedies, that did not stop him from having a great love and respect for God and believing in His *goodness* to mankind. He knew that God's *goodness* is represented in His deep love and compassion for His children, the perfect kind of love and compassion that is exactly what we need for our souls and the kind that humanity can never emulate and can never fail because it is from God. He knew that God's *goodness* not only kept the earth spinning on its' axis, but it is planning out an eternal destiny for His children and it is wonderful because it includes His eternal presence with us by giving us His precious Son. There is no other God but Him and we can trust in His goodness that includes His eternal presence, His all mighty power, His all sufficient wisdom and His everlasting love for each one of us! Let us pray that we will understand this and stand in awe of His goodness to us. Let us pray that we will not look with earthly eyes around us and be skewed by all that we see, but that God will give us spiritual eyes to see His *goodness*; *goodness* that includes His redeeming work in our lives and His unfailing love and mercy He showers on us each and every day. Let us pray that we will look to His Word, His decrees, and let His Spirit guide us in His wisdom, trusting in His presence and *goodness* even amidst the times when we may face affliction and persecution. Let us pray that as we study His Word, we will see God's nature and know that we can trust His *good* character and His plan and purpose for us because He loves us and He wants what is best for us. Let us rest and trust in the *goodness* of God. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being “*Good*”. Lord, please help me and...

*(names of those you are praying for)*

know that You are *Good*, that what You do is *good*, and please teach us Your decrees. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, we were yours before we were ever anyone else's and we trust in You that You will do this for us as we humbly ask, all for the glory of Your name. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.