

Day 6

Goodness

Silence (2 minutes) Take some time to be quiet, to calm down, and to listen. What has God been teaching you? What are the next steps He wants you to take? How is your spirit doing?

Scripture *“How abundant are the good things that You have stored up for those who fear You, that You bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in You.”* Psalms 31:19

Discussion In this psalm David describes turning to the Lord as his refuge and declares his trust in the Lord in the midst of suffering and plots by his enemies. He declares his confidence in the Lord. In verse 19 he states that those who fear the Lord, who revere Him as a holy God and therefore stay away from sin, will be blessed. God has stored up goodness for them. For those who take refuge in God, He gives that stored goodness in the presence of others. God has stored up goodness He is ready to bless us with. What is that goodness which the Lord will give us? What form will it take? The Lord often surprises us. *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts’* (Isaiah 55:8-9). We know that He loves us so much that Jesus became human, called us to follow Him, died for our sins, came back to life, gave us the Holy Spirit, and ascended into heaven. Therefore, we can trust His character. We can trust that the goodness He has stored up for us is better than anything we could imagine. Our part is to honor Him as God, stay away from sin, and take refuge in Him. Our lives will have suffering and enemies, but our God can be trusted and we can have confidence in this.

Application God’s goodness has acted in our past, present and will in our future! We’ve been saved through faith in Jesus Christ. As we walk with Him, God’s goodness gives us assurance of salvation as we seek deeper faith, obedience, and Christ-likeness. Yet, God’s goodness extends even further as we look to the future and all of the good things God has awaiting for us in His kingdom. Ask yourself this week: How can God’s future goodness to us drive us as we seek to be good? How can God’s future promises aid us in obedience here and now?

Prayer Lord God, thank You that even when life is difficult, when people seek to hurt me or I am suffering, You are my refuge and I can be confident that I can trust You. I praise You that You are powerful and involved in the details of my life. Father, I commit myself to stay away from sin and to turn to You for strength and protection. I praise You that You are good and kind, that You have stored up goodness for me. Amen.

Silence (2 minutes) Talk to God about what you are learning. What are your fears? Where are your hangups? Pray for direction.

Scripture memory for the week:

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalms 23

