



HOW CAN I KNOW
GOD IS GOOD?

2 PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS:

THIS QUESTION IS COMPLEX

THIS QUESTION IS PERSONAL



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THE WORLD IS BROKEN

BECAUSE OF YOU AND ME

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Galatians 6:7



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BECAUSE OF SOMEONE ELSE

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man
who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8

and **takes away the word** which has been sown in them.

Mark 4:15



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HOW DO WE TASTE THE GOODNESS OF GOD?

BY WHAT HE CREATES OUT OF **NOTHING**

For everything created by God is **good** and nothing is to be in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:45



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For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a **good work** in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

But by the grace of God I am what I am... 1 Corinthians 15:10

“I’m not what I ought to be. How imperfect and deficient I am!? I’m not what I wish to be. Although I abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. I’m not what I hope to be. But soon I will be out of mortality, and with it all sin and imperfection. But although I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor yet what I hope to be—I can truly say I am not what I once was, a slave to sin and Satan. I can join with the apostle Paul and say, “I am what I am, by the grace of God.” - John Newton



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And as for you, you meant evil against me, but **God meant it for good** in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:20

And we know that God causes all things to **work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are called **according to His purpose**. **For** whom He foreknew, He also predestined to **become conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

Romans 8:28-29



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REMEMBER WHAT I SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

**"Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder!
Because I am doing something in your days-- You would not
believe if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5**



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REMEMBER I AM NOT ALONE

And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the **great tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14
were in their hands; Revelation 7:9

Have you ever felt alone, afraid, discouraged, anxious?

Have you ever experienced family pain – strained relationships, divorce, prodigals?

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and
weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

Have you ever felt the pain from your past – mistakes, sins bringing regret, sorrow?

Have you ever experienced the loss of jobs, health, a friend, a mate, a child, a sibling, a parent?



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REMEMBER THE GOD I KNOW

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? Psalm 10:1



I AM

THE BREAD OF LIFE
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
THE DOOR
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE
THE TRUE VINE

PORTRAITS OF JESUS

Oh give thanks to the LORD, **for he is good**, for his steadfast love endures forever! **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so**, whom he has redeemed from trouble Psalm 107:1-2