

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY JUNE 6TH – 10:15AM

God's Good Gifts: James 1:12-18

Welcome & Call to Worship: [Pastor Joel]

- When experiencing trials, we tend to not see God as good. James, in verses 12-18 appeals to the goodness of God as foundational to a right understanding of trials.
- Today we will be reminded of God's goodness. We will praise Him for His goodness.
 - God's goodness, generally in creation
 - God's goodness, specifically in salvation

GOD'S GOOD GIFTS IN CREATION

- Ps 19:1 - *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Congregational Song: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with His Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be
Thou, God, art present there.

Congregational Song: This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied;
And earth and heav'n be one.

GOD'S GOOD GIFTS IN SALVATION

Scripture's Testimony to the Goodness of God [Pastor Steve]

God manifests his goodness in his creative acts and common grace to all

- Gen 1:31 - ³¹ *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*
- Ps 145:9 - *The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

God's character is exclusively and uniquely good

- Mark 10:18 - ¹⁷ *And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* ¹⁸ *And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.*

God's shows goodness to His children

- Ps 84:11 - *For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.*
- Nah 1:7 - *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;*

- James 1:17 - ¹⁶ *Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

God's children experience His goodness in salvation

- I Pet 2:3 - ² *So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*
- Ps 34:8 - *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

God's children should praise Him for his goodness

- Ps 119:68 - *You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.*
- Ps 107:1 - *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Congregational Song: How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Congregational Song: He is Good

He is good, he is good. His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
He is good, he is good. His love endures forever.
Give thanks for he is good.

For His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds
give thanks, give thanks to the Lord.
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Children 3-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church

Message: *The Blessing of Trials: God's Good Gifts* - James 1:12-18 [Pastor Steve]

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Song of Response: When Trials Come

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there his faithfulness is told
And there his faithfulness is told

Within the night I know your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me

And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle you have known
My confidence will rest in you
Your love endures, your ways are good
Your love endures, your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Til you complete the work begun
Til you complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope you called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise your faithfulness of old
I'll praise your faithfulness of old

Closing Announcements: [Pastor Steve]

Wednesday Night June 9th from 7:00-8:00pm – The 2nd Wednesday Night in home Fellowships

- Sign up for host homes in the back
- Evangelism Class will meet at the church at 7:00pm in the Youth Room [*The Way of the Master*]

June 8th-10th – Teen Summer Summit Retreat (Oak Forest Retreat Center)

- Meet at 12:45pm at the church on Tuesday and return Thursday at 2:45pm

June 11th-13th – Marriage Retreat (Oak Forest Retreat Center)

Next Sunday, June 13th

- 9:00AM – Sunday School
- 10:15AM – Worship Service (Missionary Dan Gardner)
- 6:00 PM – Singspiration

Praise Pantry Leadership Need

VBS Announcement

Today

- Deacon Care Groups – Use this fellowship opportunity to cultivate relationships with other believers in the church.