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Section: Doctrine of God

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q13. Is God good?**

Yes. God is truly, perfectly good.

* **Scripture is authoritative**
* “The Holy Scriptures are the only sufficient, certain, and infallible standard of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience.” –1689 Baptist Confession of Faith
* “Holy Scripture is a hymn of praise to the goodness of the Lord.”

–Herman Bavinck

* **Is God good?**
* “[God] is essentially good; not only good, but goodness itself.”

–A. W. Pink

* The Goodness of God: All that God is and does is perfectly good, and He alone is the final standard of good. There is such an absolute perfection in God’s nature and being that nothing is lacking or defective in Him, and nothing can be added to make Him better.

–Word of Truth Catechism

* **His attributes are good and due all human praise**
* **Psalm 106:1** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
* **God’s goodness in His grace for believers**
* **Psalm 31:19** Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!
* **No one is truly good and perfect, except God & The wrath of God and the goodness of God.**
* **Romans 3:10-18** None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”
* **James 1:13** 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.
* **James 1:12** 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.
* **Psalm 26:2** Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
* **James 1:2-4** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
* **James 1:14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
* **Genesis 3:9-13** But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
* **Acts 2:22-23** Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.
* **Romans 9:22-23** What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory
* **God’s goodness in “common grace”**
* **Acts 14:17** “Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."
* **Conclusion, encouragement, and application**
* **Psalm 34:8** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
* **Romans 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
* **1 Thessalonians 5:14** … We urge you, brothers [church], admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.
* **Psalm 106:1** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!