

UPGRADING YOUR VISION

Part 3: How Good is God

OUR VISION OF GOD

- A. Things that impact our vision
 - 1. Experiences - good and bad
 - 2. Examples - good and bad
 - 3. Exhortations- what we have been taught
- B. The best sources - from Scriptures
 - 1. Look at Jesus (*John 14:7-9 NKJV*)
 - 2. Look at New Testament revelation (*1 Peter 1:10-11 NKJV*)
 - 3. Old Testament examples

DAVID'S REVELATION OF GOD

- A. Seen in the Psalms (*Psalms 86:4-5 NKJV*)
 - 1. That God would make him glad
 - 2. That God was good and ready to forgive
 - 3. That God has a lot of mercy - to all who will call upon Him
- B. David's vision of God as good to him despite...
 - 1. David committed some serious sins against the Lord
 - 2. The Lord told him that the child would die
 - 3. David fasted and prayed for the child for seven days
- C. David's view of the Lord's goodness (*2 Samuel 12:19-23 NKJV*)
 - 1. David got up, washed up, and worshipped
 - 2. He went to his own house and ate food (*2 Samuel 12:13 NKJV*)
 - 3. He prayed and fasted for seven days because he saw God as gracious
- D. The Lord's goodness to David and Bathsheba (*2 Samuel 12:25 NKJV*)
 - 1. They had another child together - she was not barren
 - 2. This child, Solomon, would grow up to be king
 - 3. Even though David had other sons

CHANGING OUR VISION

- A. An intentional process (*Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV*)
 - 1. The value we place on God's Word matters
 - 2. Give attention to and hear what God is saying
 - 3. Keep them in your vision - we see ourselves in God's Word
 - 4. Keep them in your heart - meditation comes into play