

Message: Knowing the Lord's goodness, will make us overcomers in this life!

1. THE LORD IS GOOD!

Psalms 100:4-5 (NKJV)

- ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

James 1:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

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Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE PERSUADED OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS?

Matthew 4:3 (NKJV)

³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said ...

Genesis 3:6a (NKJV)

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

2Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE PERSUADED OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS?

Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

3. BEING PERSUADED OF GOD'S HEART TOWARD US WILL CAUSE US TO BE OVERCOMERS.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Romans 8:31 (NKJV)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

4. DETERMINE TO PERSEVERE, TO NOT GIVE UP, AND TO RUN YOUR RACE WITH PATIENCE.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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Hebrews 12:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives ⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

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Hebrews 12:7-11 (NKJV)

⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Malachi 3:3

³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.