

## Family Studies on Goodness - The Art of Being

- Recommended Hymn: Great Are You, Lord
- **Exodus 33:19 - “And He said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name “The Lord.” And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”**
  - In this verse, God uses His given name, also translated “I AM.” Where does this name come from? What does this name tell us about God’s character and nature?
  - In what ways is our understanding of goodness based on our understanding of God’s character? How does learning about God teach us about goodness? How does becoming like God help us to become good?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for the goodness of God and His willingness to let us experience goodness through Him.
- Recommended Hymn: Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
- **2 Chronicles 6:41 - ““And now arise, O Lord God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.”**
  - What was the purpose of the ark of the covenant in the Old Testament? How does God accomplish this purpose among His people today?
  - Who are the priests of God today? In what ways does God continue to clothe His priests with salvation?
  - How can we rejoice in the goodness of God today?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** God to clothe His priests with salvation and inspire His saints to rejoice in His goodness.
- Recommended Hymn: He Paid a Debt
- **Matthew 7:11 - ““If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”**
  - How do we decide what is good and what is evil? Where does our standard of goodness come from?
  - What good things have we been given by other people? What good things has God given us?
  - How can we pay the goodness of God forward in our lives today?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for the good gifts of God, and opportunities to give back to Him and give good things to others.

- Recommended Hymn: I Will Rise
- **John 5:28-29** - **“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”**
  - Whose voice are the dead going to hear one day? How should the identity of this voice affect our response to the person saying these words?
  - In the context of what we’ve already learned about goodness, what does it mean to “do good?”
  - What are the consequences of doing good in this life and in the next? What are the consequences of doing evil in this life and in the next? Which does God want for us, and how can we obtain His desire for us?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** motivation to do good, and a greater hope in our resurrection as those who seek to do good before God.
- Recommended Hymn: O To Be Like Thee!
- **Romans 15:14** - **“I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.”**
  - In the context of what we’ve already learned about goodness, what does it mean to be “full of goodness?” How is this related to being filled with knowledge and the ability to teach each other?
  - How does teaching others reflect the goodness of God? What should we be seeking to teach others in order to reflect His goodness?
  - Who do we know that needs to be taught about God’s goodness? What can we do today to share this message with them?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** God to continue to fill us with goodness and knowledge so that we can teach others about Him.
- Recommended Hymn: Step By Step
- **2 Thessalonians 1:11** - **“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power.”**
  - To what end is Paul praying for his brethren (according to verse 10)? Why must God make them worthy of His calling and fulfill His goodness in them for this end to become a reality?
  - Where else does the Bible talk about faith and works? What is God’s role in the process of our faith being fulfilled by our works?
  - **Today we will pray together for...** the power of God to realize His goodness in our lives and demonstrate His power through our faith.