**God in our suffering – Lam. 3:25**

*The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him*

**Focal Truth: God’s goodness is shown to those who wait & seek Him in their suffering**

**Observations**

1. **The Lord is perfectly good**
2. The Lord is loving – 3:22
3. The Lord is kind – 3:22
4. The Lord is compassionate – 3:22
5. The Lord is faithfully loving, kind, compassionate, & dependable - 3:23
6. The Lord is our portion – 3:24
7. The Lord – Yahweh is good

Good = pleasant, agreeable, pleasing

1. **The glorious perfection of God’s goodness**

Ps. 25:8 – *Good and upright is the Lord*

Ps. 34:8 – *O taste and see that the Lord is good, how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!*

Ps. 54:6 – *I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good*

Ps. 119:68 – *you are good and do good*

Ps. 33:5 – *The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord*

God goodness **satisfies**

Ps. 103:5 – *who satisfies your years with good things*

God’s goodness **brings good out of all things**

Rom. 8:28 – *All things work together for good to those who love God*

God’s goodness in lovingkindness is **eternal**

Ps. 118:1 – *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting*

Ps. 52:1 – *the goodness of God endures continually*

God’s goodness leads to **repentance**

Rom. 2:4 – *the goodness of God leads to repentance*

The Lord Jesus Christ is **the good shepherd**

John 10:11 – *I am the good Shepherd, the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

The Lord Jesus **did good in His earthly ministry**

Acts 10:38 - *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power who*

*went about doing good…*

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is **good** news

Luke 2:10 – *I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people*

**Consider:**

1. The Lord is eternally good
2. The Lord is essentially good – He is goodness
3. The Lord is unlimited good
4. The Lord is the highest good
5. All that comes from God is good – Gen. 1:31 – *God saw everything that he had made, & behold it was very good*
6. **The Lord is perfectly good to those who wait for Him in their suffering**

*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him…*

Wait = to look expectantly, to hope – waiting on God is confident expectation = hope in Him

Isa. 40:31 – *Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength…*

**Ps. 25 – Promises of waiting on the Lord**

25:3 – *None who wait on Lord will be ashamed*

25:5 - *God saves those who wait on Lord*

25:21 - *God protects those who wait on the Lord*

a. God’s goodness comes to those who by faith wait for the Lord’s help

b. Those who wait on the Lord – wait in enduring trust for the Lord

c. Those who wait on the Lord – gain strength in their suffering

Ps. 27:14 – *wait on the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage, yes wait for the Lord*

d. Those who wait on the Lord – rest in the Lord

Ps. 37:7 – *Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him*

1. Those who wait on the Lord hope in His Word

Ps. 130:5 – I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope

**Consider:**

a. Many in their sufferings do not wait on the Lord

b. Waiting on the Lord provides the mind with hopefulness in the midst of affliction

c. Waiting on the Lord is a mark of endurance – Endurance is necessary in suffering

1. **The Lord is perfectly good to those who seek Him in their suffering**

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Seek = resort to, frequently come to…

a. God’s goodness comes to those who seek Him in their suffering

b. Those who seek God seek Him earnestly

Ps. 63:1 – O God, you are My God, I shall seek You earnestly, My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water

c. Those who seek God seek His fellowship

Ps. 105:4 – *seek the Lord and His strength, Seek His face continually*

d. Those who seek the Lord seek Him in prayer

Matt. 7:7 – *ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you*

d. Those who seek God seek His kingdom & His righteousness in Jesus Christ

Matt. 6:33 – *Seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness and all these things will be added to you*

e. those who seek God by faith are rewarded with His goodness

Heb. 11:6 – *without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him*

**Things to Remember**

1. God is good all the time, in all circumstances, in all seasons of life
2. God’s goodness leads to salvation in Jesus Christ
3. The best news is good news of the gospel in Jesus Christ
4. Suffering can be endured for those who wait on the Lord in their troubles
5. Seeking God in suffering brings great support

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**