



The Kingdom Sermon Series
Divine Lessons from the Kingdom of Israel & Judah

LIVING IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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INTRO:

How would we define **the goodness of God**? Praise God that the Bible give us a **complete understanding** about that, so we might not interpret it with our own understanding. God is good and He always good, but how many times people like to **abuse** His goodness. Through the history of the Kingdom of Israel and Judah, we may learn how the goodness of God always evident at all the times, never fail, and everlasting for those who love God. The goodness of God is so rich yet not to be despised, instead the goodness of God leads us to repentance.

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

2CHRONICLES 36 ¹⁴ Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people **transgressed more and more**, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the Lord which He had consecrated in Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And the Lord God of their fathers **sent warnings** to them by His messengers, **rising up early** and **sending** them, because He had **compassion** on His people and on His dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they **mocked** the messengers of God, **despised** His words, and **scoffed** at His prophets, until **the wrath of the Lord** arose against His people, till there was **no remedy**.

COMPASSION

Warnings
Messengers
Rising up early
/ shâkam /

to rise or start early
to rise early
make an early start

*Mentioned 6x in
the book of Jeremiah*



What is the biggest present a son can give to his parent? Micah wrote: what does the Lord require of you but to **do justly**, to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly** with your God *Mic.6:8*? But what happened was the opposite! All the people, including the leaders, **transgressed more and more**! And yet God keep showing His goodness by sending lots of **warnings**, sending lots of **messengers**, and indeed that is the goodness of God: **compassion**!

The goodness of God is not only about the blessings that we can count from our own perspective, but more importantly the Bible shows us the goodness of God **from the perspective of God**! The book of Jeremiah use the term 'rising up early' so many times, to show the people of Israel how great the love of God, **the compassion of God** toward His people, yet they never respect it all!

Jer.7:13, 25; 26:5; 29:19; 32:33; 35:15

13 Maka sekarang, oleh karena kamu telah melakukan segala perbuatan itu juga, demikianlah firman TUHAN, dan oleh karena kamu tidak mau mendengarkan, sekalipun Aku **berbicara kepadamu terus-menerus**, dan kamu tidak mau menjawab, sekalipun Aku berseru kepadamu,
25 Dari sejak waktu nenek moyangmu keluar dari tanah Mesir sampai waktu ini, Aku mengutus kepada mereka hamba-hamba-Ku, para nabi, **hari demi hari, terus-menerus**,
5 dan tidak mau mendengarkan perkataan hamba-hamba-Ku, para nabi, yang **terus-menerus Kuutus kepadamu**, --tetapi kamu tidak mau

mendengarkan--

19 sebagai ganjaran bahwa mereka tidak mendengarkan perkataan-Ku, demikianlah firman TUHAN, yang telah Kusampaikan kepada mereka **terus-menerus dengan perantaraan hamba-hamba-Ku**, yakni para nabi; tetapi kamu tidak mendengarkannya, demikianlah firman TUHAN.

33 Mereka membelakangi Aku dan tidak menghadap kepada-Ku, dan sekalipun Aku **mengajar mereka, terus-menerus**, tiada mereka mau mendengarkan atau menerima pengajaran.

15 Aku telah mengutus kepadamu segala hamba-Ku, yakni para nabi, terus-menerus, mengatakan: Kembalilah kamu masing-masing dari tingkah langkahmu yang jahat itu, perbaikilah perbuatanmu, janganlah mengikuti allah lain untuk beribadah kepada mereka, maka kamu akan tetap diam di tanah yang telah Kuberikan kepadamu dan kepada nenek moyangmu. Tetapi kamu tidak mau memperhatikannya dan kamu tidak mau mendengarkan Aku.



COMPASSION

PSALM 103 ¹³ As a father pities his children,
So the LORD **pities** those who fear Him.
¹⁴ For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we *are* dust.

COMPASSION:

a present action that care about the past and concern beyond the future

MATTHEW 15 ³² Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, “I have **compassion** on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”

The goodness of God for us just **too big!** Several times it is mentioned as **compassion / pity** (care, concern). It means that His goodness just not appear in the outside, but from **the inside** and always there so that He **keep thinking** about us. That's why the goodness of God also does not put concern about the outwardly appearance that only last for a while, instead the Bible explains to us that the goodness of God really concerns about **the inner man that eternal!**

The goodness of God, or His compassion for us, was showed *deliberately* through the ministry of Jesus. When the disciples just wanted to send the multitude went home, Jesus did not agree! Jesus always has **compassion!** It is a **present** action, not just a thought or plan, that care about the **past**, not just judging the history, and **concern** beyond the future, not just make a good wish!

That's not only an emotional love, instead it is a thoughtful love of God for us, and again it's not only about the

GOD IS GOOD

JOB 33 ¹⁴ For God may speak in one way, or in another, *yet man* does not perceive it.

¹⁵ In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falls upon men, While slumbering on their beds,

¹⁶ Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction.

¹⁷ In order **to turn** man *from his deed*, And **conceal pride** from man,

¹⁸ He **keeps back** his soul from the Pit, And his life from perishing by the sword.



Ayub 33:14-18

14 Karena Allah berfirman dengan satu dua cara, tetapi orang tidak memperhatikannya.

15 Dalam mimpi, dalam penglihatan waktu malam, bila orang nyenyak tidur, bila berbaring di atas tempat tidur,

16 maka Ia membuka telinga manusia dan mengejutkan mereka dengan teguran-teguran

17 untuk **menghalangi** manusia dari pada perbuatannya, dan **melenyapkan** kesombongan orang,

18 untuk **menahan** nyawanya dari pada liang kubur, dan hidupnya dari pada maut oleh lembing.

Indeed, now we live in the days where the goodness of God never become more massive than this! Through the technology, now God send tons of messengers straightaway to the palm of our hand, directly in the front of our eyes so that people can't make any excuse! This is the days where God want to talk to His people more than ever before!

NO REMEDY!

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1CORINTHIANS 15⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in **a moment**, in **the twinkling of an eye**, at the last **trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

LUKE 17³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two **men** in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left.



What had happened with the exile of Israel and Judah is not only a history to forget, but it is also like a pattern that will happen again, even in **its biggest scale**! The compassion getting bigger, but then the despise / dislike / sneer / mock / scoff also getting worst, and then come something that the Bible called with the status of **NO REMEDY**!

NO REMEDY: the exile happened, and no one able to delay it, and it was a **horror**!

There also will be a moment that can't ever be repeated, and it is called **RAPTURE**!

THE EXILE

AMOS 4 ¹ Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,
who are on the mountain of Samaria,
Who oppress the poor,
Who crush the needy,
Who say to your husbands, "Bring wine, let
us drink!"
² The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness:
"Behold, the days shall come upon you
When He will take you away with fishhooks,
And your posterity with fishhooks.
³ You will go out *through* broken walls,
Each one straight ahead of her,
And you will be cast into Harmon,"
Says the LORD.

THE DAYS OF ANTICHRIST

REVELATION 11 ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will **tread** the holy city underfoot for 42 months.

MATTHEW 24 ²¹ For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

<https://www.bible-history.com/sketches/ancient/assyrian-king-lips-eyes.html>

Illustration of an Assyrian King Using Hooks and Gouging Eyes

This sketch is an archaeological discovery from the ruins of Ancient Assyria. It reveals an Assyrian king blinding a captive king while holding his head still with a hook in his lips. The other kings are waiting for the same fate with bridles in their noses. The Bible reveals accounts of prisoners being blinded and this metaphor is used of God leading rebellious people and nations.

2Kings 25:7, Isaiah 37:29, Ezekiel 38:1-4

There are many examples revealing **Assyrian severity**. A captured king was taken to the capital and compelled to pull the royal chariot of triumph. Rings were put through their lips or noses and sometimes hands, feet, noses and ears were cut off, they were blinded and their tongues were torn from their mouths. Prisoners were skinned alive and set on fire. Their skins were also hung near enemy city gates in order to collect tribute. The Lord allowed the ruthless Assyrians to capture the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC because of Israel's rebellion against Him. They were never seen again.

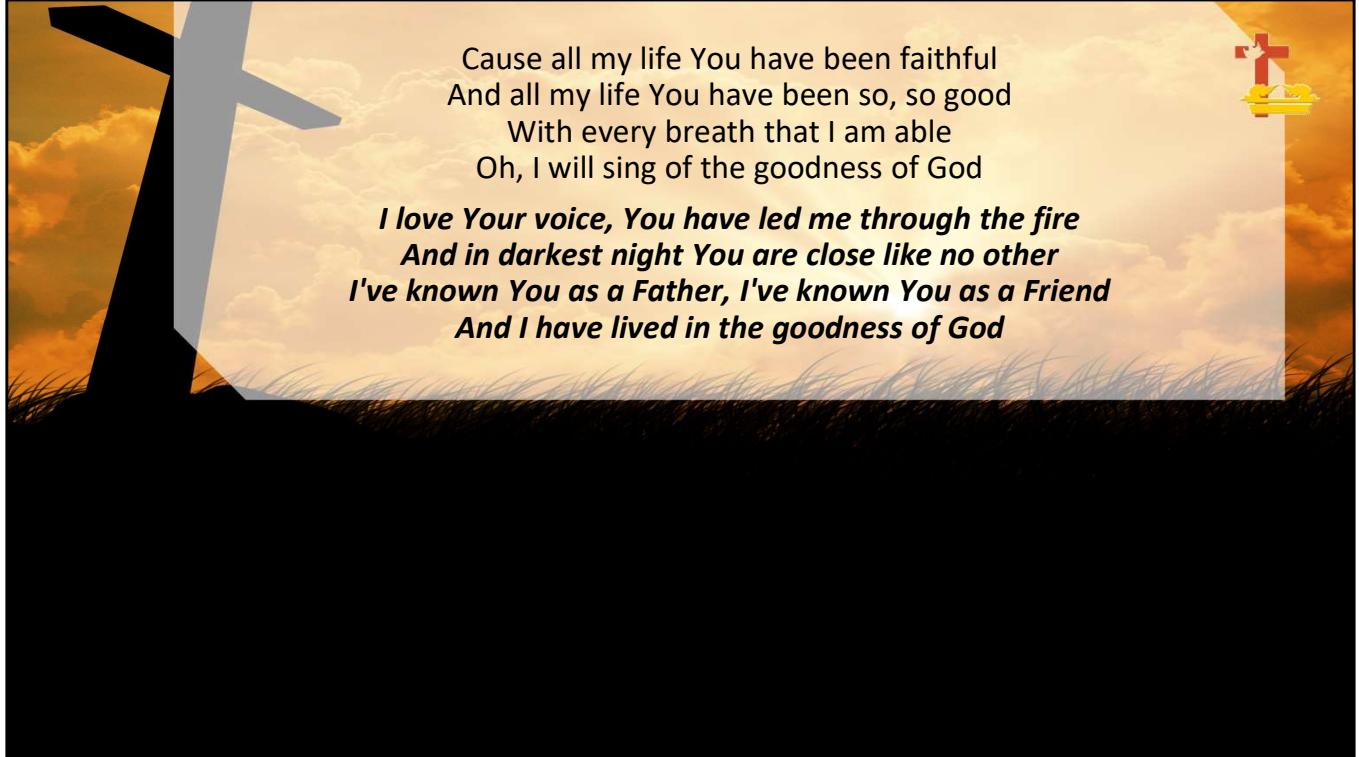




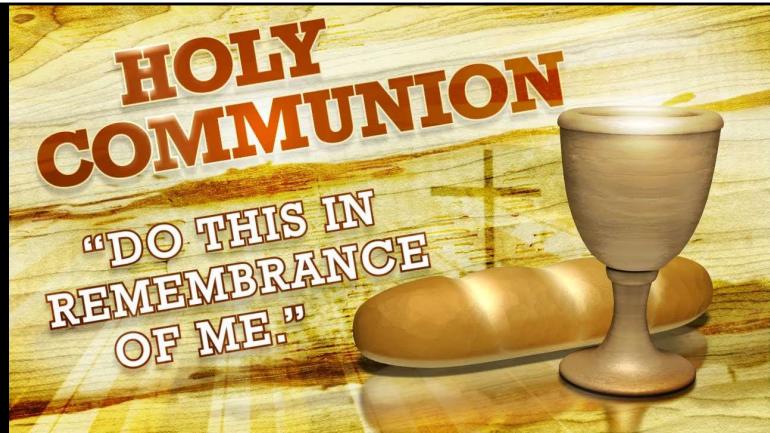
THE GOODNESS OF GOD

ROMANS 2 ⁴Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the **goodness of God** leads you to **repentance?** ⁵But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.





For as often as
you eat this
bread and drink
this cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death till
He comes.
1Cor.11:26



1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

"Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

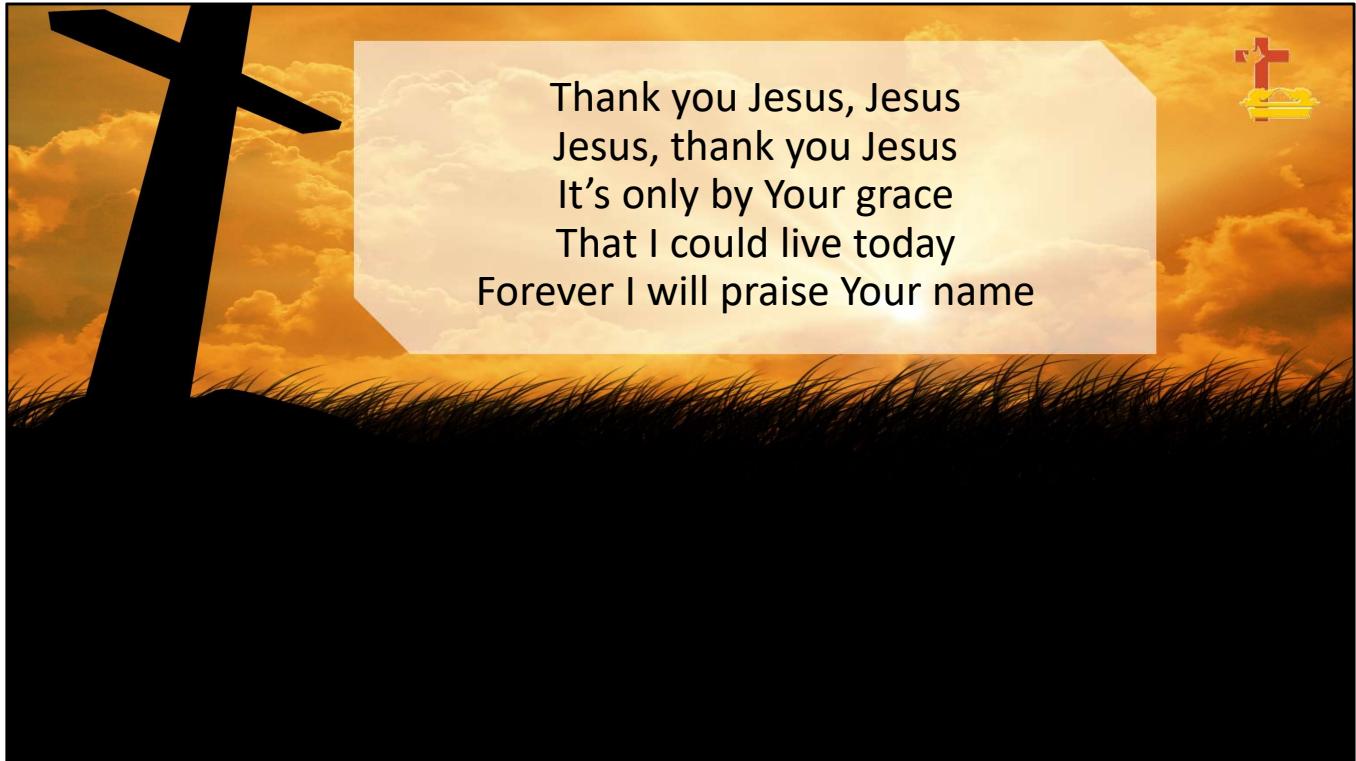
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



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See You Next Sunday!

