

Teaching: “God's goodness”

How much do we understand and value God's promises.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust, **2nd Peter 1:4**.

If we remain children, can we truly claim the promises?

¹ Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; ² But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: , **Galatians 4:1-3**.

Understanding the mindset behind the Parable of:

the the landowner giving of wages to the labors,
Matthew 20:1-16.

This is a kingdom parable, the land owner is symbolic of God the Father, who hired five groupings of labors, (at the start of the day, the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 11th hours). When the work day was over all received the same wage.

God is good and generous and all that who labor for Him will be given the same foundational reward of the kingdom. However, the greater message is that God does not see us according to our performance, but rather as sons and equal heirs of the kingdom.

The labors that worked the entire day were focused on what they had done and not on who they were. The value of a slave is totally based on their performance, ie. What I do is my identity, (does that sound familiar?). But, God no longer calls us slaves or servants but friends, **John 15:15**. We need to learn to see our value as a son of God and heir of the kingdom rather than slaves and servants.

Our identity **MUST** be, that we are a child of God and heir of His kingdom. And not just what we can do for the kingdom.

If you would like prayer, you can call:

Scriptures telling of God's goodness

- ♦ And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy, *Exodus 33:19*.

- ♦ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever, *Psalm 23:6*.

- ♦ *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living, *Psalm 27:13*.

- ♦ He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD, *Psalm 33:5*.

- ♦ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* His goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! *Psalm 107:8*.

- ♦ And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD, *Jeremiah 31:14*.

- ♦ Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads thee to repentance? *Romans 2:4*.

- ♦ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, *Galatians 5:22*.
