

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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“APPRECIATING GOD OUR FATHER, FOR WHO HE IS: HE IS THE GOD OF GOODNESS”

PSALMS 145:1-10

We often speak of how much we appreciate certain people in our lives and how much they mean to us and that is very good for us to do and we should do that. But, do we appreciate the God and Father of our lives knowing that we are in the hollow of His hands and under His guidance and direction.

I will be preaching a series of messages on:

“APPRECIATING GOD OUR FATHER FOR WHO HE IS.”

Our subjects will include these topics:

- ◆ The **GOODNESS** of God
- ◆ The **SOVEREIGNTY** of God
- ◆ The **WISDOM** of God
- ◆ The **FAITHFULNESS** of God
- ◆ The **LOVE** of God and **PREACHING** That Pleases God.

Now this morning I want to share two stories and see if you can detect the common denominator that they have. What do these stories have in common? Let me hear you! It was:

- ◆ **GOODNESS**
- ◆ **KINDNESS**
- ◆ **MERCY**

When We **APPRECIATE** God For Who He Is, we can only conclude that **God is Good!** (I Chron. 16:34; Ps. 34:8; Ps. 100:4-5; Exodus 33:19-20)

So first, lets as we seek to Appreciate God For **Who HE** is, look at:

I. The **GOODNESS OF GOD DEFINED**

One has to do with **His character**; the other focuses on **His actions**.

Ps. 119:68 - But how do you see the true character of a person? By his actions.

II. **HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIS GOODNESS TO US?**

Let me give you three specific channels God uses to broadcast His goodness to us.

- ◆ Through Natural Blessings - Ps. 145
- ◆ Through Kind Interventions - Psalm 107
- ◆ Through God’s Son, Jesus - Colossians 1:15

III. **HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS?**

Let me give you three specific steps we must take to change our lives.

- ◆ **REPENT** of unbelief and ingratitude - Romans 2:4
- ◆ **REST** in His goodness when adversity comes - Ps. 31:19
- ◆ **RISK** stepping out in faith like never before - Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 84:11

If you have committed your life to follow Christ, I hope you will truly acknowledge to God all of the ways that He is good to you. Thank Him for leading you to repentance. If there has never been a time when you have repented of your sin to God and began to follow Him, I hope you will do that today.