

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunrise Service  
Date : January 1, 2016

TITLE : THE GOODNESS OF GOD  
Text/s :

Ps 31:19

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

KJV

Ps 107:1-3

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

KJV

Bible reading :

Ps 130:2-6

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

KJV

Song/s : Surely goodness and mercy  
God is so wonderful  
His Name is Wonderful  
Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus is to Me  
He keeps me singing  
There is never a day so dreary (Wonderful, wonderful Jesus)  
Until then

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## INTRODUCTION

More than all the experiences we may have in life, it the Word of God that truly speaks of the goodness of God. So, for us in Lighthouse, God is good not simply because of our own experiences. God is good because His Word declares Him to be so. Our understanding of the goodness of God will be limited if we are to base this attribute on our own experiences.

All of what we need to know concerning God should simply come from His Word. This is faith. Faith does not come from our experiences, but from the Word of God.

See how the Word declares his goodness.

Ps 107

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2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.  
 6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.  
 7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.  
 8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.  
  
 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;  
 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:  
 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.  
 13 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.  
 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.  
 15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.  
  
 17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.  
 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.  
 19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.  
 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.  
 21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.  
  
 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;  
 24 These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.  
 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.  
 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.  
 28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.  
 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.  
 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
 31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.  
  
 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;  
 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.  
 35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.  
 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;  
 37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.  
 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.  
 39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.  
 40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.  
 41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.  
 42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.  
 43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.  
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**What do we understand from this passage?**

**A) He is good to those who are lost**

When we lose our way, He comes in His goodness and mercy, and established our going.

Ps 107:4-9

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.  
6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.  
7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.  
8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
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Isa 53:6

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
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Rom 3:10-12

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:  
11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.  
12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.  
KJV

1 Peter 2:25

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.  
KJV

Matt 18:12-14

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?  
13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.  
14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.  
KJV

Luke 15:3-7

3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,  
4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?  
5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.  
6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.  
7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.  
KJV

## **B) He is good to those who are bound and imprisoned.**

When we lose our freedom, He comes and gives liberty.

Ps 107:10-16

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;  
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:  
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.  
13 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.  
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.  
15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!  
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.  
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Luke 4:18

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,  
KJV

Ps 102:19-20

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;  
KJV

Col 1:12-14

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:  
KJV

Rom 7:24-25

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

KJV

Rom 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

KJV

John 8:36

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

KJV

### I'M FREE

So long I have searched for life's meaning  
Enslaved by the world and its greed  
Then the door of my prison was opened by love  
For the ransom was paid, I was free!

I'm free from the fear of tomorrow  
I'm free from the guilt of the past  
For I've traded my shackles for a glorious song  
I'm free, praise the Lord, free at last.

I am free from the load that I carry  
From a dull empty life I'm set free  
For when I met Jesus He made me complete  
He forgot how foolish I used to be.

#### C) He is good to those who are sin-sick.

From our sin-sick life He comes as the Great Healer.

Ps 107:17-22

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

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Whosoever will to the Lord may come (3x)

He will not turn.

Jesus (4x) heals the broken hearted...

He will set you free.

Matt 14:14

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

KJV

Ps 103:2-4

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

KJV

Ps 147:3

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

KJV

Num 21:7-9

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

KJV

#### **D) He is good to those who are hopeless.**

When we lose our hope, he comes, being our Hope.

Ps 107:23-32

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

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30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

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32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

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Heb 6:18-19

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

KJV

Ps 42:5-11

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

KJV

Eph 2:12-13

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

KJV

**In conclusion, from being lost, imprisoned, sin-sick and hopeless, He took us..**

Ps 40:2-3

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

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From all these things, He brings us to our home..

He is good because...

Ps 107:33-43

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

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Ps 65:4

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

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Ps 23:6

6 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.

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Can we simply despise the riches of His goodness?

Rom 2:4

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

KJV

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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Ps 18:25-26

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

KJV

Lam 3:22-23

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

KJV

Rom 12:1

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

KJV

Ps 103:4

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

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Ps 65:11

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

KJV

Ps 68:19

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

KJV

Ps 103:2

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

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Ps 116:12-14

12 What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

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Ps 119:89-91

89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

KJV

Gen 8:22

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

KJV

Jer 33:19-26

19 And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the Lord hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

KJV

Jer 31:35-37

35 Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

KJV

Gen 45:4-7

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

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