

# THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. The goodness of God -- Grace, Tenderness, Compassion, kindness of heart and of act
- B. The severity of God -- exacting to the full the provisions of a statute (law or regulation)
- C. Shown in Paul's discourse concerning the salvation of the Gentiles through the fall of Israel Rom 11:21-25
- D. Jews not broken off just so Gentiles could be grafted in, but the Jews were cut off because of unbelief
- E. If God spared not the natural branches, we need to take heed lest he spare not us
- F. Notice the GOODNESS and SEVERITY of God

## DISCUSSION:

### I. THE GOODNESS OF GOD (Grace, Tenderness, Compassion, kindness of heart and of act)

- A. In creation Gen 1:26-29
  1. Gave them dominion over every other creature v 26
  2. Gave them plenty of food v 29
  3. Gave them work to do to keep them busy Gen 2:15
- B. When man fell God announced intention of sending a Saviour Gen 3:15
  1. Promise renewed to Abraham Gen 22:17,18
  2. Prophesied concerning Christ Isa 53
- C. Toward the lost in giving His Son Jhn 3:16; Rom 5:8
  1. Gave plan of salvation thru His Son Rom 1:16,17
  2. God's grace extended thru His Son has appeared unto all men Tit 2:11
  3. God would not have any to be lost 1Tim 2:4
- D. Jesus exemplified the goodness of God 1Tim 3:16
  1. God manifest in the flesh
  2. Christ is the very person of God Col 1:15
  3. Christ went about doing good Acts 10:38

### II. THE SEVERITY OF GOD (exacting to the full the provisions of a statute law or regulation)

- A. In the fall of man Gen 3:14-24
  1. He pronounced a curse on man
  2. Drove him from the garden
- B. In the flood Gen 6:8-12
  1. Destroyed every living thing
  2. Except the righteous
  3. How then can people say that God will not punish the wicked in eternity
- C. In little things, seemingly insignificant
  1. Lot's wife Gen 19:26
  2. Moses Num 20:7-12

3. Nadab and Abihu Lev 10:1,2
4. Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:1-11
5. Herod in accepting glory that belonged to God Acts 12:21-23

### III. THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY IN JUDGMENT

- A. Goodness Matt 25:34-40
  1. Rewarded for service
  2. Eternal bliss
- B. Severity Matt 25:41-46
  1. Unfaithful punished
  2. Eternal punishment
- C. Each person judged by things written in the books according to their works Rev 20:12

## CONCLUSION:

- A. The goodness of God leads to repentance Rom 2:4
- B. The severity of God should cause us to desire to avoid God's wrath
- C. God has been so good to us in providing a plan of salvation how can we escape the severity of God if we fail to obey?
- D. If the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear 1Pet 4:18