

Finding Joy because God is Good!

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Psalm 65

Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Intro

- What do you look to most in your life for satisfaction?
- the “if only...” things, people, and situations
- We often lack JOY when we look to things or people instead of God alone!

A Psalm that looks to God’s Goodness... to joy!

- Who or what are you looking to for your satisfaction? Ultimate question!
- Adam & Eve had to answer it... they failed Gen 3:1,4-5
- Eve forgot that God is Good and she didn’t need to look elsewhere!

God creates a Need & then provides

- God created space & filled it: Gen 1:1-2ff
- God created man with a continual need for God and His provision: air, water, food, sleep...
- Psalm 65 is a recognition of God’s Goodness... joy results v13
- God’s church, Israel, forgot that in the OT, led to exile and silence...
- BUT God... Gal 4:4-5 sent Jesus because God is Good!

The Christmas Story is the pinnacle of God’s Goodness

- Lk 1:5-14 - Zechariah & Elizabeth; beyond age to bear but got joy!
- Lk 1:26-33 - 6 months later, Gabriel tells Virgin Mary she will bear a son. The fulfillment of God’s promises through the ages!
- Covenant promises fulfilled in Jesus: Gen 3:15; Gen 12:2-3, etc...
- Mary believed God was Good and was able! Lk 1:34-38
- Mary acted on her belief Lk 1:39-40
- John in Elizabeth’s womb jumped for JOY upon hearing Mary Lk 1:41-45
- Mary knew how to praise God for His Goodness Lk 1:46-55. Do you?
- Never forget God’s Goodness: Lk 2:8-11 God sent Good News of Great Joy!
- God is Good for those who look to Him alone for that goodness Lk 1:53

Don’t forget these 2 Truths!

- God created you with a hunger for your own good!
 - God alone can satisfy that hunger
 - God created us to need Him
 - We must turn to God alone for life!
- Jesus is the better fulfillment of all your hunger & lack of Joy!
 - Jesus is good enough to satisfy the righteousness of God
 - Jesus is good enough to satisfy the justice of God
 - Jesus is good enough to overcome the curse of sin
 - Jesus is good enough to be our continual advocate before the Father
- So be an ambassador of God’s Goodness & Joy!

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