

“The Goodness of God”

Text: Psalm 31:9-24

Scripture reading: II Corinthians 1:1-22

I. God is our secure place – vv. 1-8 (last week)

II. God is our minister of grace – vv. 9-16

A) Distress call – vv. 9-10

1. Distressed _____ and _____

2. Distressed a _____

3. Distressed with _____

B) Dreadful condition – vv. 11-13 (Matt. 7:7-11)

C) Divine control – vv. 14-18

III. God is our storehouse of good – vv. 19-24

A) A celebration of goodness – vv. 19-21 (Rom. 8:28)

B) A conflict of understanding – vs. 22

C) A call to love – vv. 23-24

Conclusion: Absolutes for prayer and praise

1. God's help is never _____ of _____.

2. God's help is always _____ and _____.

3. God is always to be _____ and _____ - _____.

“The best God will always take the best time to hand out mercies to His people; there is no mercy so fair, so ripe, so lovely, so beautiful as that which God gives out in His own time. Therefore, hold thy peace; though God delays thee, yet be silent, for there is no possibility of taking a mercy out of God's hand till the mercy be ripe for us, and we ripe for the mercy.”

Thomas Brooks

SERMON QUOTE:

III. God is our storehouse of good

B) A conflict of understanding

Charles H. Spurgeon on Ps. 31:22,

“This was an unworthy speech; but unbelief will have a corner in the heart of the firmest believer, and out of that corner it will vent many spiteful things against the Lord if the course of providence be not quite so smooth as nature might desire. No saint ever was, or ever could be, cut off from before the eyes of God, and yet no doubt many have thought so, and more than one have said so. For ever be such dark suspicions banished from our minds.”