

Notes on Goodness

Scriptures on Goodness:

- Ex. 18:9 - Goodness seen as an act of favor.
- Exodus 33:9 - Goodness seen as an expression of God's Person
- Exodus 34:6 - Goodness seen as the character of God, associated with mercy, grace, longsuffering, an truth.
- Psalm 107 - Goodness associated with wonderful works toward men.
- Eph 5:9 - The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

First Mention: Gen. 1:4 – “God saw the light and that it was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.”

- That which flows from God's hand is good by nature
- That which is good must be distinguished from that which lacks goodness.
- Good is something which God's eyes must determine.
- Good is something which allows God's creation to thrive.

Senses of the word “Goodness”

- As a quality ("The Light was good" that is, it was profitable, well-constructed, worthy to be praised, etc.)
 - Personally: "I will make my goodness to pass before thee."
 - Materially: "Every good and perfect gift..."
- As a moral feature (Contrasted with evil "Be not overcome by evil but overcome evil with good")
- As an expression of benevolence ("God is good to me").