## **TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

## THE GOODNESS OF

**JAMES 1:17-18** 



We need more of these today...

Respect! Thankfulness! **Gratitude! Praising God for his goodness! Bowing before God in worship!** Confession of our sins! Daily recognition of our need for God! **Bringing the Light of Christ into world!** 

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15

We need to acknowledge and rely on the goodness of God in our lives.

Bowing to Him and giving thanks!

God uses hardships and adversity to help us grow and mature in our faith!

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

James 1:16-18

"God sticks to his relationship. He establishes a personal relationship with us and stays with it. The central reality for Christians is the personal, unalterable, persevering commitment that God makes to us. Perseverance is not the result of our determination; it is the result of God's faithfulness."

- Eugene Peterson

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**James 1:12** 

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.

Philippians 4:8