



The **Attributes of God**

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Week 3: Exodus 34:6-7 - The Goodness of God

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Romans 2:4 ESV

Our real idea of God may lie buried under the rubbish of conventional religious notions and may require an intelligent and vigorous search before it is finally unearthed and exposed for what it is. Only after an ordeal of painful self-probing are we likely to discover what we actually believe about God.

~ A.W. Tozer

Steadfast Love - Chesed - encompasses love, mercy, kindness, compassion, faithfulness, patience.

Goodness (Steadfast Love) - God's innate goodwill toward sinners. By nature tenderhearted, compassionate, benevolent.

A cosmic background featuring a vibrant nebula with green and blue hues, set against a dark space filled with stars and distant galaxies. The nebula's colors transition from a bright green on the left to a deep blue on the right, with wispy, ethereal patterns of light and gas.

NASB – Lovingkindness

NIV – Unfailing love



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1 ESV

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping **steadfast love** for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...”

Exodus 34:6-7 ESV



For the Lord is **good**; his **steadfast love**
endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations.

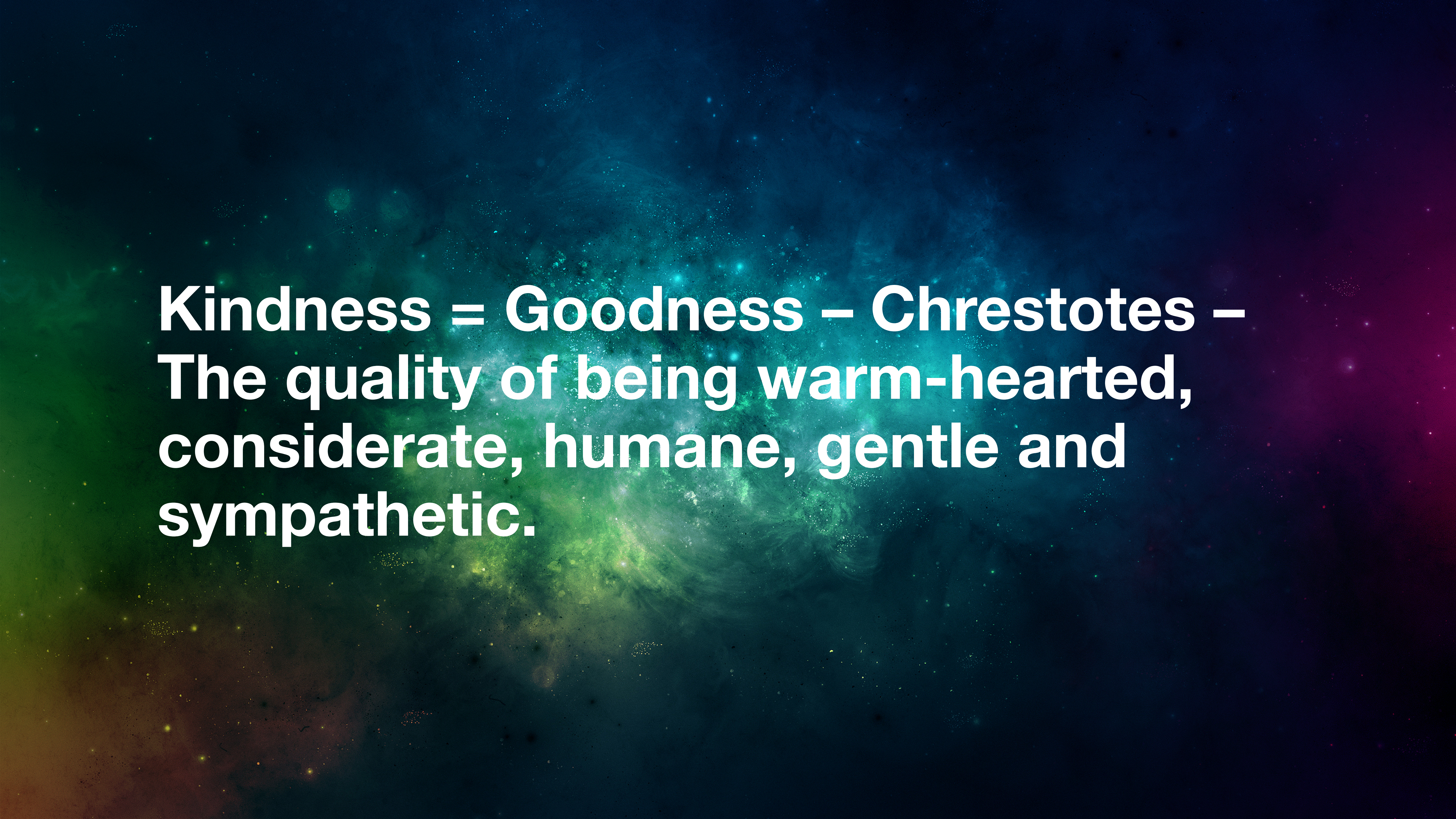
Psalm 100:5 ESV

**Tov - Good - pleasant, desirable,
deserving of esteem. (qualities
deserving of esteem and respect)**

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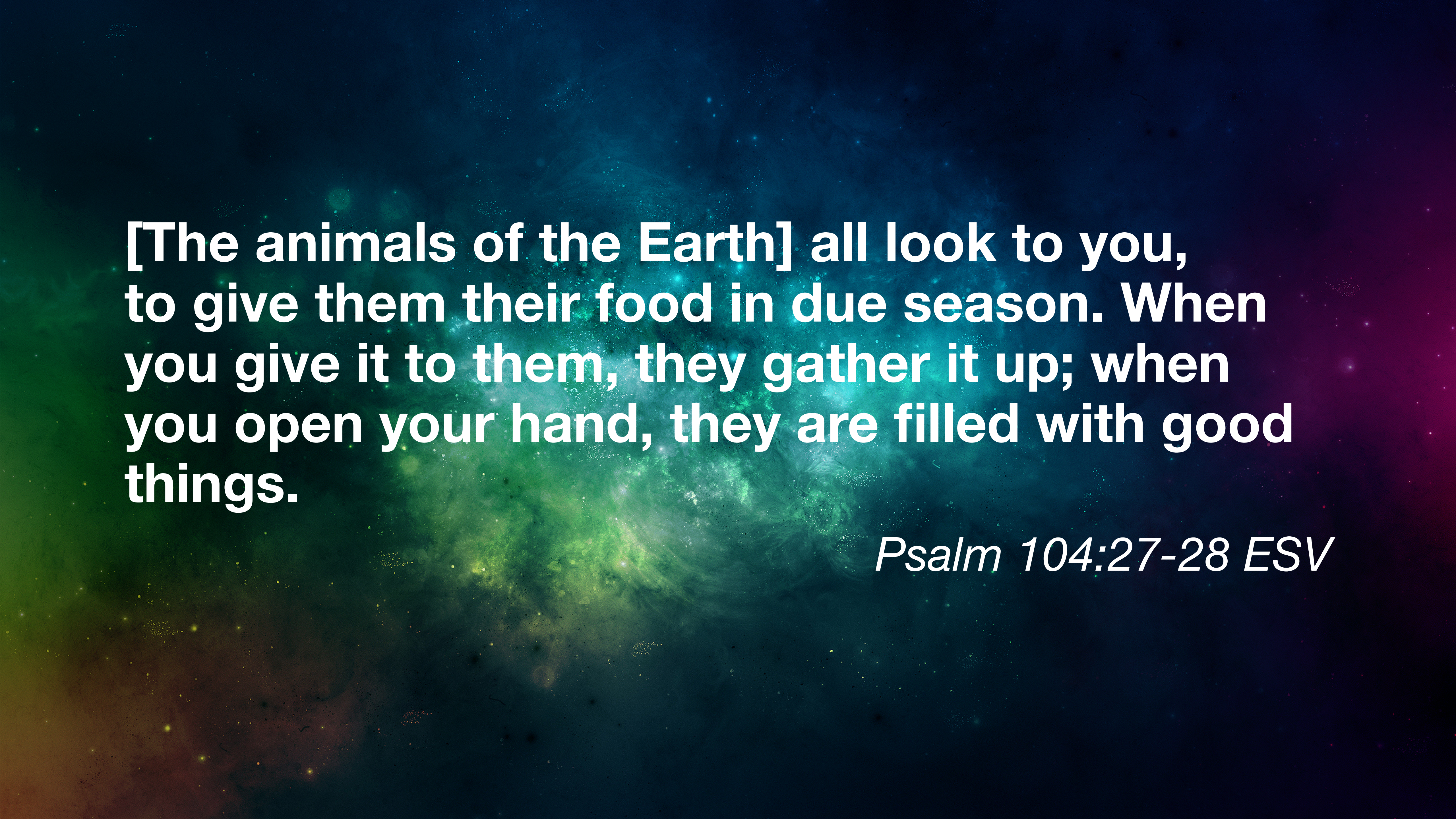


**Kindness = Goodness – Chrestotes –
The quality of being warm-hearted,
considerate, humane, gentle and
sympathetic.**

1. God is Good to His Creation

I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on **the evil and on the good**, and sends rain on **the just and on the unjust**.

Matthew 5:44-45 ESV



**[The animals of the Earth] all look to you,
to give them their food in due season. When
you give it to them, they gather it up; when
you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.**

Psalm 104:27-28 ESV

2. God is Good to His Disobedient People

But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt', and had committed great blasphemies,

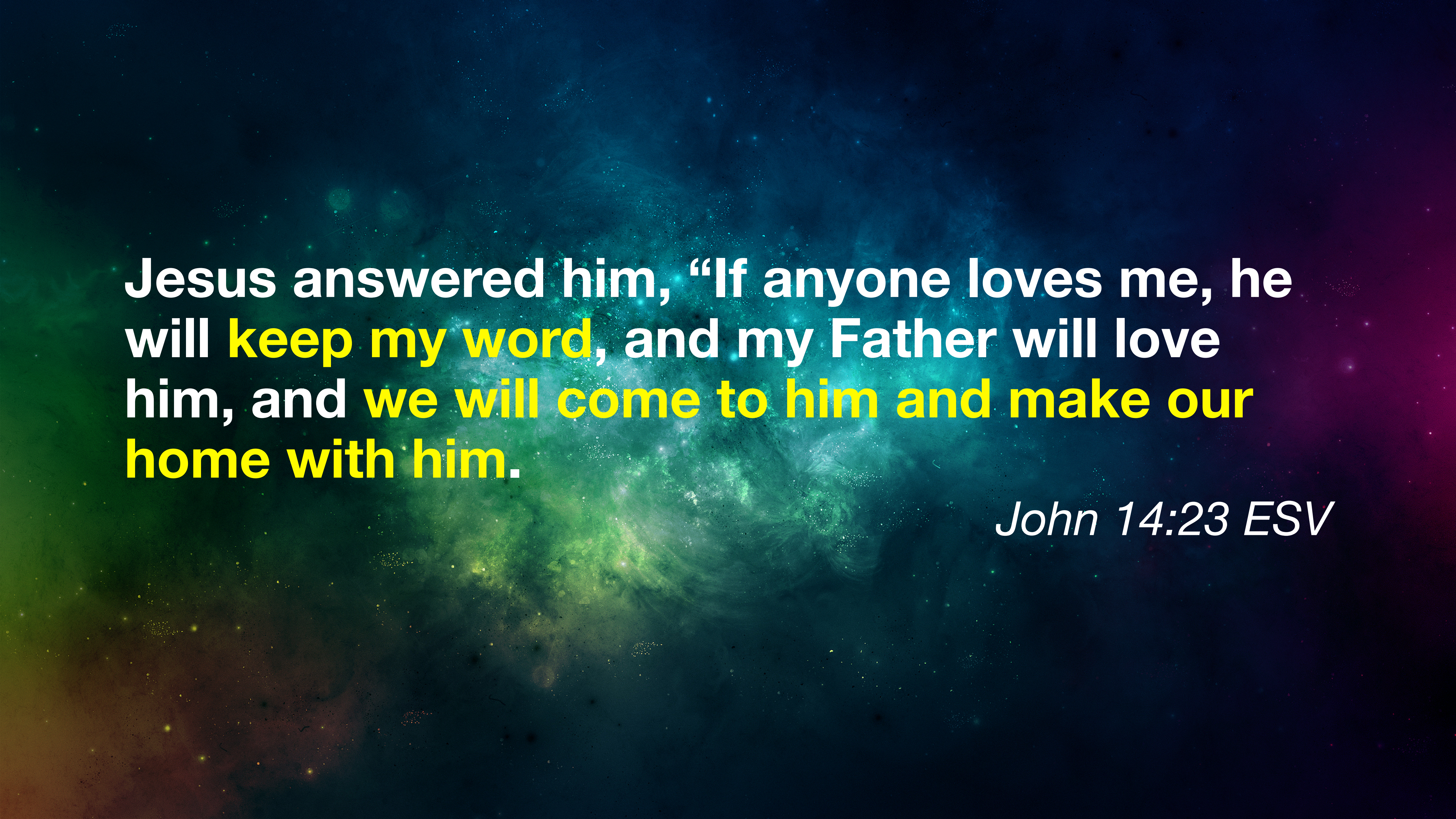
you in your great mercies **did not forsake them in** the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. You **gave your good Spirit** to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing.

Nehemiah 9:17-21 ESV

3. God is Good to Those Who Obey Him

...showing **steadfast love** to thousands of those who love me and **keep my commandments.**

Exodus 20:6 ESV



Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will **keep my word**, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.**

John 14:23 ESV

4. God is Good by Providing Salvation

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:6-8 ESV

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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish**, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 ESV



**The man who comes to a right belief about
God is relieved of ten thousand temporal
problems.**

~ AW Tozer

Rehearse Daily the Goodness of God

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for
his **steadfast love** endures forever!

Psalm 107:1 ESV

Trust in God's Goodness Even in Life's Pain

And we know that for those who love God all things **work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 ESV

Purpose to Reflect the Goodness of God

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness, goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

kindness - Chrestotes - benevolent
concern

goodness – agathosyne – quality of
moral excellence

Susan asks timidly – “Is he – quite safe? I shall be rather nervous about meeting a lion?”

Mr. Beaver says, “Safe? Don’t you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the king I tell you.’”



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