

## The Assault of Evil and The Goodness of God

### Psalm 42:9-11

I will say to God, my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why must I go about in sorrow because of the enemy's oppression?" My adversaries taunt me, as if crushing my bones, while all day long they say to me, "Where is your God?" Why am I so depressed? Why this turmoil within me? Put your hope in God, for I will still praise Him, my Savior and my God.

### I. A Perplexing Question

Psalm 10:1

Why, LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Psalm 44:23-24

Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression?

### II. A Confident Hope

3 John 11

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

Psalm 27:11,13

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. ...I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Psalm 31:19

Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You

Psalm 33:5

The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 34:19

"The righteous person may have many troubles...but the LORD delivers him from them all."

### III. A Reliable Resource

Psalm 119:92

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

Psalm 119:143

Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight.

Psalm 119:50

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

Martin Niemoller:

“What did this book mean to me during the long and weary years of solitary confinement? The Word of God was everything to me—comfort and strength, guidance and hope, master of my days and companion of my nights, the bread which kept me from starvation and the water of life that refreshed my soul.”

### IV. A Trustworthy Savior

Galatians 1:3-5 (The Message)

So I greet you with the great words, grace and peace! We know the meaning of those words because Jesus Christ rescued us from this evil world we're in by offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins. God's plan is that we all experience that rescue. Glory to God forever!

1 John 4:10

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”