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Psalms 31:19-24

When life is pleasant, we find praising God easy because His kindness is abundantly evident. However, we may have difficulty recognizing pain and trouble as an expression of His loving care as well. In difficult times, we need to trust today's scripture, which tell us that the Lord has stored up goodness for those who take refuge in Him.

If you believe that God is good only when your circumstances are enjoyable, then you misunderstand His nature and have become numb to the expression of His benevolence toward you. Those who've learned to know His character and trust His ways can see evidence of His goodness in all situations.

I haven't always felt that the Lord was being good. While I was growing up, my goal was to be obedient so that He wouldn't do anything bad to me. The difficult and painful situations in my life hindered my understanding of His goodness. As I look back, I can now see His love and wisdom in using those trials to shape my character.

Today, when God does something I don't like, I pour out my heart to Him. After seeking His perspective and listening to Him, I'm filled with gratitude and trust in His character. Then I'm willing to accept the Father's wise choice for my life.

We live under the umbrella of God's goodness. When circumstances and emotions tell you otherwise, rely on what you know. Throughout the day, look for signs of His loving care for you. As your perspective changes, you will see the signs of His goodness everywhere you turn.

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