

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, June 24, 2018)

Share:

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.  
We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.  
We come to you, O God, to ask for help, restoration, strength, and renewal.  
We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad spirits.  
We come to you, O God, to worship, honor, and glorify in your name.

Read these words from a hymn today:

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.

God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.

Read this scripture from worship:

Psalm 145 (The Message)

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King!  
and I'll bless your name into eternity.

<sup>2</sup> I'll bless you every day,  
and keep it up from now to eternity.

<sup>3</sup> GOD is magnificent; he can never be praised enough.  
There are no boundaries to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup> Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;  
each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking;  
I compose songs on your wonders.

<sup>6</sup> Your marvelous doings are headline news;  
I could write a book full of the details of your greatness.

<sup>7</sup> The fame of your goodness spreads across the country;  
your righteousness is on everyone's lips.

<sup>8</sup> GOD is all mercy and grace—  
not quick to anger, is rich in love.

<sup>9</sup> GOD is good to one and all;  
everything he does is suffused with grace.

<sup>10-11</sup> Creation and creatures applaud you, GOD;  
your holy people bless you.

They talk about the glories of your rule,  
they exclaim over your splendor,

<sup>12</sup> Letting the world know of your power for good,  
the lavish splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is a kingdom eternal;  
you never get voted out of office.

GOD always does what he says,  
and is gracious in everything he does.

- 14 God gives a hand to those down on their luck,  
gives a fresh start to those ready to quit.
- 15 All eyes are on you, expectant;  
you give them their meals on time.
- 16 Generous to a fault,  
you lavish your favor on all creatures.
- 17 Everything GOD does is right—  
the trademark on all his works is love.
- 18 GOD's there, listening for all who pray,  
for all who pray and mean it.
- 19 He does what's best for those who fear him—  
hears them call out, and saves them.
- 20 GOD sticks by all who love him,  
but it's all over for those who don't.
- 21 My mouth is filled with GOD's praise.  
Let everything living bless him,  
bless his holy name from now to eternity!

Talk together, responding to these questions:

For what goodness do we thank God?

For what wrongs do we cry out to God?

How do we imagine God?

What are some characteristics of God?

What is the basis of our saying, "God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good?"

Is there a difference between saying "God is love" and "love is God?"

Pray together:

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens or the deep silence before the dawn, I awake to your presence, good and gracious God. Enable me to trust completely in you as I meet the challenges of this new day. Make me watchful for your grace at work; may all I do be a testimony to your glory. And, may I live into the truth, "God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good." In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."