THE LORD IS GOOD
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I. FIRST, _________ IS GOD GOOD? “The Lord is good”

A. There’s a saying… Someone says, “God is Good”. Our response is “All the time”.

B. What does the word “good” mean?
   1. **Pleasant**, agreeable or valuable.
   2. Our English word “God” is actually the shortened form of “good”.
   3. Other scriptures confirm God’s goodness—Psa. 34:8; 100:5; 135:3; 145:9

C. It’s easy to say that God is good when things are going well, but He is good even when they aren’t—Romans 8:28.

II. SECOND, **HOW** IS GOD GOOD? “A refuge in times of trouble”

A. This is a reminder that eventually there will be times of trouble.

B. What does “trouble” mean as it is used in this verse?
   1. It refers to a time of “distress” or “strait” as in “dire straits”.
   2. It’s a time when life seems to _close_ in around us or is against us.

C. During such times, Nahum says remember that God is our _refuge_.
   1. “Refuge” means a place of _safety_, a place of protection, or a safe harbor during a storm.
   2. Other scripture confirms that God is our refuge—Deu.33:27; Ps.27:5; 46:1; Pro 18:10; Isa 43:21

III. THIRD, **WHY** IS GOD GOOD? “He cares for those who trust in him,”

A. KJV says—“He **knows** those who trust in him”
   “Know” means “to know _intimately_” “to know by experience”—John 10:14

B. NIV says it means “He _cares_” about you—1 Peter 5:7.