

THE LORD IS GOOD
NAHUM 1:7 / 12-2-18 / PM

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 “straits” 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.