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Because God is loyal and faithful

Ps. 27:13 *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

The Hebrew language is such a descriptive language. David says that he will see the *goodness* of the LORD. The Hebrew word is **betuv** which means *the best, bountiful and full of God's goodness.* When I think about the goodness of the LORD, I'm drawn to this description, and I begin to put into perspective the difference between my understanding of good and God's definition of good. James puts it this way in **James 1:17** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows.*

We might use the term "good" to describe the taste of pizza or how well our sports team played this weekend. If someone asks how you are doing, you might respond that you've been good. But these are relative statements; good as compared to what? Both David and James put good into perspective for us. James says every gift from God is not only good, but also perfect. Why? Because God is perfect in every way, and He will never do anything or give anything that is not perfect. Because He is our good, good Father, He will always do the very best thing for His children. He will watch over us. He will set our path straight. He will supply all our needs. He will comfort us in sorrow. He will strengthen us in our weakness. He will lead us in paths of righteousness. He will fulfill all His promises. He will love us for eternity.

Wow! He is so good! Do you know the goodness of the LORD? Have you experienced His great love? If not, He is calling out to you today to come and enjoy the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Dear LORD, You are good all the time. You will always be perfectly good to us all. You desire to pour out Your blessings upon us. Help us to look to You for every good and perfect gift. In Jesus Name, Amen.