

## For He Is Good

**“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” – Psalm 118:1**

**From the depths of heartbreak and loss, the Bible tells us that Job worshiped: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be name of the Lord” (Job 1:21).**

**If you only worship the Lord when you feel like it, then you are not going to worship very often. There always will be something, whether it is tragedy looming, an illness, or problems with the children. Whatever it is, we still should praise God, regardless of how we feel. After all, the Bible does not say, “Give thanks unto the Lord when you feel good.” Rather, it says, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!” (Psalm 118:1).**

**God was there for Job and He will be there for you. He who stirred up the storm is the hiding place in it. He who allowed the storm has been in it himself. Whatever comes into your life has been either created or allowed by God. God did not create Job’s suffering, but He allowed it. We don’t know the reason, but we do know that good things came out of it.**

**At the end of the Book of Job, we read that what Job lost was restored and then some. Even so, it wasn’t a tidy ending like we might see in a Hollywood movie. Job had suffered. Job grieved the sons and daughters he lost. Yet God was with him through it all. God gave him the strength to get through it and he will give us the strength to get through our tragedies as well.**

**Worship God because He is worthy of your worship – regardless of your circumstances. That is what Job did, and that is what we need to do as well.**

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