

REDISCOVERING GOD

Part 3: God is Generous

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Passage to Ponder · Psalms 145:8–9

“The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. **The Lord is good to everyone.** He showers compassion on all his creation.”

1. The False Narrative of Karma

- Karma promotes the idea that we always get what we _____!
- The Christian version of Karma is the _____ law of the harvest known as “_____ and _____.”

Galatians 6:7–10

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

“To say that sin has _____ is different than saying that because of our sin God entirely _____.”

—James Bryan Smith

2. The True Narrative of Grace

Matthew 20:1–15

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard,

and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? **Or are you envious because I am generous?**

- Grace looks like → God paying your _____
- Grace looks like → getting a death row _____
- Grace looks like → being rescued from _____

3. The Realization that we are Loved

- The Psalms proclaim the deepest truth about God: his steadfast love endures forever. The Hebrew word we translate ‘steadfast love’ (hesed) occurs _____ times in the Psalms, each time to describe the _____.
- Transformation happens less from _____ and _____ and more from sheer _____.
- 1 John 4:10–11 and Psalm 23:5b