

# THE HEART OF THE FATHER

Thursday

## I. God's Not Holding Out On You

- A. The basis of the first lie that the enemy ever told a man was that God is holding out on you-Gn3:5-For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
1. The enemy is endeavoring to paint a picture of God with a closed hand-God could have done more, should have done more, He didn't all He could do
  2. The Lord shall give, not withhold-Ps84:11-For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold (keep) from them that walk uprightly; Ps85:12-The Lord shall give that which is good
- B. God is good. God is for your good (prosperity). God is working in behalf of your good-He's not holding out me
1. God is good-To withhold and keep back that which is good is not good-Ps119:68-KJ-Thou art good (bountiful-free to give, liberal in bestowing gifts and favors), and doest good
  2. God is for your good-Ps56:9-When I cry unto you, then shall mine enemies turn back: This I know; for God is for me
    - a. God is for your prosperity-Ps35:27-Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant
  3. God is working in behalf of your good (prosperity)-Ph2:13-For its God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure; Ps35:27-Which has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant – Your prosperity is His good pleasure
- C. God is always doing everything in His power to bring good to His people
1. All of Heaven, all the time is working towards your good-The Holy Spirit is working towards your good; Your Good Shepherd is leading you into good; Jesus died for your good; God's word is the good news that's supposed to produce good things in the lives of those who believe it
  2. The heart of The Father is to give and help and His hands are open-You can hear his heart that, "I'm ready to help, to take care of you, to give you what you need," but they wouldn't listen and so they had problems and God was doing everything in His power to keep them from having those problems-Ps81:8-Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; <sup>9</sup> There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. <sup>11</sup> But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. <sup>13</sup> Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! <sup>14</sup> I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. <sup>16</sup> He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.
  3. When something bad happens or when something good doesn't happen you got to get it settled that it wasn't God-God didn't hold out on me or them, not my good God was doing everything He possibly could have on His end and so it was the enemy who kept people in the dark and kept them from receiving
  4. It's a foolish things to raise an eyebrow at God