

# THE HEART OF THE FATHER

Wednesday

## I. God doesn't withhold

- A. It's not in God's nature to withhold good from His people-**Ps84:11**-*For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give (give willingly) grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold (keep back) from them that walk uprightly*
1. God is a God that gives good-He's not a God that withholds good-**Ps85:12**-*The Lord shall give that which is good*
  2. God is love and love is disposed to do good-**1Jn4:8**-*God is love (benevolence-the disposition to do good, charitableness); **Ac10:38**-Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil*
  3. It's the heart of The Father to give good to His children-**Mt7:7**-*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup>For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*
  4. God is not in the business of withholding good from His people-He's upholding, He's raising up, He's giving, His hand is open, He's satisfying, He's fulfilling desires, He's saving and preserving-**Ps145:14**-*The Lord upholds all that fall, and raises up all those that be bowed down. <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you; and you give them their meat in due season. <sup>16</sup>You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>The Lord is righteous (fair) in all his ways, and holy (kind) in all his works. <sup>18</sup>The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. <sup>19</sup>He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.<sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all them that love him*
  5. Many struggled to grasp this truth-They see people not receiving something good and immediately equate that in their minds to mean that God withheld the good thing
- B. Just because a person didn't receive does not mean that God withheld
1. When someone doesn't receive salvation, does that mean God withheld it?-No, the price has been paid, God's will is clear and His hand is open-**2Pt3:9**-*Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance; **Rm5:6**-Christ died for the ungodly; **Rm5:18**-By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men; **Titus2:12**-The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men*
  2. We shouldn't blame God when someone doesn't receive salvation-We shouldn't put it on His sovereignty, His will, His mysterious ways, we shouldn't say God didn't save them, we should just say they just didn't receive it
  3. Spiritually speaking there is a bunch of different reasons why people don't receive
  4. When someone doesn't receive we need to be rooted in the reality that it wasn't because God withheld it
  5. God can give you something that you never enjoy the reality of in your life-You not enjoying the reality of it and God withholding it are two different things-Don't assume just because you are not enjoying that God is withholding it-**Gn15:8**-*Unto your seed I have given this land; **Nm13:2**-The land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel; **Nm27:12**-The land which I have given unto the children of Israel*
- C. To say that God withholds good is to cast aspersions on the very nature and character of God-By saying that God withheld something good, that God held out on you, that God didn't do all He could have done is an attack on the character and nature of our good God
1. This (God is holding out on you) was the basis of the first lie that the enemy ever told a man-There's something good God doesn't want you to see, to know
  2. I don't know what happened, but I know my good God didn't withhold it