NO GOOD THING Who Do Men Say That I AM

- I. The enemy endeavors to get us to see God in a way He is not (Gen3); One of his favorite things to do is to portray God as holding out on you, one who is not good, one who withholds good, one who is not completely for your good
 - A. You have to actively and continually push back against the belief that <u>God is holding out on you because the enemy is constantly trying to get</u> <u>us to believe He is</u>-The enemy is continually trying to get you to believe the opposite-**Ps35:27**-Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, <u>let them say continually</u>, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant
 - B. <u>The enemy constantly casts aspersions on God's character</u>-"He doesn't care, why did He allow this to happen, why didn't he do something;" These aren't harmless questions, but attempts to get you to rebel; Never entertain these-Mk4:38-Carest thou not that we perish?
- II. How you see God affects how you respond to Him and that affects what He is able to do/be in your life-Mt16:13-Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? ⁵...whom say ye that I am?
 - A. <u>Jesus' hometown</u>-They saw Him as just flesh (Mary's son, carpenter) and it affected how they responded to Him (no honor, no faith) and that affected what He was able to do in their lives-Contrast that to how people saw him and how they responded to him everywhere else He went
 - B. <u>Joshua and Caleb vs. COI-Dt1:27,Nm14:9-How</u> the saw God affected how they responded to Him and that affected what He was able to do for them
 - C. Satan can't change God and so he endeavors to infect us with wrong beliefs about God knowing that how we see God affects how we respond to God and that affects what God is able to do/be in our lives-Wants us to look at God with a raised eyebrow so that we won't trust and follow Him

III. Get these four things settled

- A. <u>God is good and He does good</u>-**Ps119:68-NLT**-You are good and do only good **Ps145:17-ER**-Everything the LORD does is good-**Ac10:38**-Doing good
- B. <u>God is not withholding good</u>-**Ps84:11**-No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly
- C. <u>God is for me/my good</u>-**Ps56:9**-When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. ¹⁰In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word. ¹¹In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me-**Gn12:3**-I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curses you-**Ps35:27**
- D. All the time God is endeavoring to lead me into a good place and get <u>good to me-Ps81:13</u>-Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! ¹⁴I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.¹⁶...fed them also with the finest of the wheat...with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee- **Ps66:12**-Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place-**Dt8:7**-The Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land -**Jn10:11**-The good sheperd-**Ps23**