

## IT IS GOOD

We live in a broken and chaotic world. Darkness has taken captive the mind of humanity, and sin abounds. As a result, people suffer. War and injustice capture our attention. At times, this makes us afraid and anxious. Still, other times, we feel angry and indignant. What if this was part of a plan to capture our minds? What if the goal was to take our minds off the one thing that should captivate our every thought and drive us through every blessed second we are awake?

If you feel any of this tension, even remotely, I have a psalm (song) for you! One of the wonderful blessings of our time together to worship is raising our Lord's name. May he be exalted! But this gathering, as designed by our Lord, also exists to encourage one another so that we would not be hardened by the mind-trickery of sin (Hebrews 3:13). As a result, we are to encourage one another today. But not only today; every day.

### **Psalm 92:1-2**

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,*

This is why it is good to be here. To focus our minds, give thanks, and tell the story again. As a result, we will be reminded of what is true. The enemies of God lose. While it may not feel that way today, it is true. Read vs. 5-11.

Finally, we are reminded of how a righteous God blesses his people. This leads to life and fruitfulness. But for what purpose?

### **Psalm 92:12-15**

*The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,  
to declare that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

To declare that HE is good and righteous! Amidst all the chaos, we exist in this wonderful place (life in Him) to tell/sing the story and worship the story writer.

For additional encouragement, open your songbooks to more recent songs inspired by this idea.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
"Blessed Assurance" - Frances J. Crosby, 1873*

*I love to tell the story;  
More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
Of all my golden dreams,  
I love to tell the story,  
It did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.*

"I Love to Tell the Story" - Katherine Hankey, 1866

What's your song today?

Shalom,  
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