

~GOODWILL (140)

[Hebrew, *ra-tsohn'*, Greek, *eu-do-ki'a*]

.. God's Goodwill

.. Mans Goodwill

.. Men Of Goodwill

• Both the Hebrew *ra-tsohn'* and the Greek *eu-do-ki'a* and related forms of these words have reference to that which pleases or to ones being pleased, and they are translated pleasure, good pleasure, liking, approval, goodwill, and so forth.

.. God's Goodwill

- In the Bible the above terms are used with regard to the pleasure, approval, or **goodwill** of God.
- In your **goodwill** do deal well with Zion, may you build the walls of Jerusalem. (**Psalms 51:18**)
- Remember me, O Yehowah, with the **goodwill** toward your people. Take care of me with your salvation. (**Psalms 106:4**)
- For he foreordained us to the adoption through Jesus Christ as sons to himself, according to the **good pleasure** of his will. (**Ephesians 1:5**)
- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his **good pleasure** which he purposed in himself (**Ephesians 1:9**)
- God sets forth clearly what is required to please him, and he determines whom he will accept as his friends, as recipients of his **goodwill**. Those rejecting his Word or rebelling against him do not receive his **goodwill** but, rather, experience his displeasure.
- At that time he will speak to them in his anger and in his hot displeasure he will disturb them. (**Psalms 2:5**)
- For who were they that heard and yet provoked to bitter anger? Did not, in fact, all do so who went out of Egypt under Moses? (**Hebrews 3:16**)

- Moreover, with whom did God become disgusted for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? (**Hebrews 3:17**)
- But to whom did he swear that they should not enter into his rest except to those who acted disobediently? (**Hebrews 3:18**)
- So we see that they could not enter in because of lack of faith. (**Hebrews 3:19**)

•• Mans Goodwill

- The same words are also used with reference to the approval of men, or of **goodwill** on their part.
- Accordingly they spoke to him, saying; If you would prove yourself good to this people and actually be pleasing to them and indeed speak good words to them, they also will certainly become your servants always. (**2 Chronicles 10:7**)
- As regards the time of drinking according to the law, there was no one compelling, for that was the way the king had arranged for every great man of his household, to do according to the liking of each and every one. (**Esther 1:8**)
- But now I am about to journey to Jerusalem to minister to the holy ones. (**Romans 15:25**)
- For those in Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share up their things by a contribution to the poor of the holy ones in Jerusalem. (**Romans 15:26**)
- The apostle Paul spoke of some who preached the Christ through **goodwill**.
- True, some are preaching the Christ through envy and rivalry, but others also through **goodwill**. (**Philippians 1:15**)
- These sincere Christians were expressing **goodwill** toward the apostle and therefore also toward God and his Son, whom Paul was representing. Such ones would accordingly experience the **goodwill** of God.
- For the one finding me will certainly find life, and gets **goodwill**

from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 8:35**)

- The lips of the righteous one, they come to know **goodwill**, but the mouth of the wicked ones is perverseness. (**Proverbs 10:32**)
- He that is looking for good will keep seeking **goodwill**, but as for the one searching for bad, it will come upon him. (**Proverbs 11:27**)
- Another example of the **goodwill** of man toward others is the apostle Paul's expression concerning his fleshly brothers, the Jews. Brothers, the **goodwill** of my heart and my supplication to God for them are, indeed, for their salvation.
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.. Men Of Goodwill

- When an angel announced the birth of Jesus, he appeared, not before the religious leaders of the Jews, but before humble shepherds. After he told the shepherds of the birth of the Messiah, an angelic host proclaimed:
- Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of **goodwill**. (**Luke 2:14**)
- The angels were not proclaiming peace to God's enemies, who were not at peace with him.
- There is no peace, my God has said; for the wicked ones. (**Isaiah 57:21**)
- The **King James Version** renders;
- Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of **goodwill**. (**Luke 2:14**)
- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, **good will** toward men. But God was not here expressing **goodwill** toward men in general, neither did he mean that his peace was extended to those inclined toward him merely in a friendly and indulgent way. Rather, God had reference to those who would please him by genuine faith in him and who would become followers of his Son.

- **Modern translations harmonize with this view, making the matter clear. The Revised Standard Version reads: Peace among men with whom he is pleased! The New English Bible translates the phrase: His peace for men on whom his favor rests. James Moffatt's translation renders it; Peace on earth for men whom he favors! And An American Translation reads; Peace to the men he favors! Other modern versions read similarly.**