

PSALMS

T H E B O O K O F

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Pursuing the Greatness of Life with God

Psalm 103

NOTES:

David Preaches to His Own Soul the Goodness of God's Loyal Love (103:1-5)

Psa. 103:1 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

David's Reflections on God's Loyal Love are Ours to Experience (103:6-18)

1) Our Heavenly Father's heart towards his people does not shift.

Psa. 103:6 *The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Ex. 34:6 *The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7a keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,*

2) Our Heavenly Father loves and forgives those who properly revere him.

Psa. 103:9 *He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

3) Our Heavenly Father treats his children with sympathy and care.

Psa. 103:12 *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

John 1:12 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*

4) Our Heavenly Father's love knows no limits.

Psa. 103:15 *As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.*

Is. 40:6 *A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

David Commands All of Creation to Give God His Due Praise (103:19-22)

Psa. 103:19 *The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. 20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! 21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! 22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1. In Psalm 103, David models for us the act of preaching to one's own soul. Do you do this in your own life? In what ways this week can you remind yourself of God's goodness and love?
2. Does your heart concur with the truths David experienced and knew, as communicated in Psalm 103? What have you experienced in your walk with God that confirms these beautiful realities?
3. Take time this week write out a prayer or song to God. Use Psalm 103 as a framework - acknowledging God's proven track record, his character, and the benefits you experience in belonging to him.

SONGS

STAND IN YOUR LOVE

THIS IS OUR GOD

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$30,476.77

Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,155,823.27

YTD General Need: \$1,341,270

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