

Remembering God's Benefits

Psalm 103

- I. **Praising and thanking God with all our heart is the way we remember and celebrate the benefits of our salvation. Our faith is stimulated when we celebrate what God has done for us (Psalm 103:1-5), and we literally enter into the supernatural presence of God (Psalm 100:1-4).**
 - A. We also find ourselves in harmony with other parts of God's creation who do His will, including other believers, the angels, heavenly hosts, and "all His works everywhere in His dominion" (Psalm 103:19-22), and nature itself (Isaiah 55:12-13).
 - B. There is no burden any human carries that is heavier than guilt. God sent Jesus so we can truly experience the benefits of forgiveness and healing—the most important reasons to truly praise God (Psalm 103:2-3).
 - C. Because of Jesus, God redeems our lives from the pit (Psalm 103:4).
 1. Separation from God (even hell itself)
 2. Disease—"By His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).
 3. Every other difficult situation and circumstance (James 5:16-18)
 - D. God "crowns you with love and compassion" (Psalm 103:4). This crown identifies and distinguishes us with honor, blessing, and authority in the world. Isaiah 54:11-17 describes this blessing as does Romans 8:31-32).
 - E. We can expect good things to come toward us so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's (Psalm 103:5).
- II. **Remembering God's character and compassion helps us experience the benefits of God's love toward us (Psalm 103:6-14).**
 - A. Even when we are oppressed, we know we are never far from God's deliverance. He works justice for us (Psalm 103:6; Isaiah 61:1-3).
 - B. We can live without guilt and condemnation (Psalm 103:7-10). "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).
 - C. We can experience the very compassion of our Father God (Psalm 103:11-14; Ephesians 3:14-21; Romans 8:14-16).
- III. **As believers, our most important benefit from God is His eternal love and salvation—"from everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 103:15-18).**
 - A. We will leave this temporary place for an eternal place. God knew us before the world began, and we will have a place in the world to come (Psalm 103:17-18; John 14:1-3).
 - B. We can expect to leave an inheritance to our children and our children's children (Psalm 103:17-18).
 - C. "Praise the Lord, my soul" (Psalm 103:19-22).

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