

# Remembering the Benefits of Being Loved by God

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- I. When God sent Jesus, all the promises of blessing in the Bible became accessible for all who put their trust in Him (I John 1:5-2:2). Nowhere in the Bible are the benefits of our salvation expressed more clearly than in Psalm 103. This psalm describes what God has in mind for all of us who receive by faith the righteousness and justice purchased for us by Jesus on the cross He endured.
  - A. Our sins are forgiven and diseases are healed, and we are redeemed from every pit (Psalm 103:1-4).
  - B. We are crowned with compassion; our desires are satisfied “with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s” (Psalm 103:4-5; Acts 16:25-26).
  - C. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed” (Psalm 103:6).
  - D. Our sins are removed “as far as the east is from the west,” and a fatherly compassion rests on us (Psalm 103:11-13).
  
- II. Isaiah prophesied hundreds of years before Christ what would be bought for us at the cross and received as the “heritage of the servants of the Lord” (Isaiah 54:13-17).
  - A. “All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace (Isaiah 54:13).
  - B. “In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you” (Isaiah 54:14).
  - C. If anyone does attack you, it will not be the Lord’s doing. In fact, “Whoever attacks you will surrender to you” (Isaiah 54:15).
  - D. Because God causes all things to work together for His purposes—even “the destroyer to wreak havoc” (Isaiah 54:16)—“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,’ declares the Lord” (Isaiah 54:17; Romans 8:28).
  
- III. All these promises are for believers from birth to old age (Isaiah 46:3, 4).
  - A. We are carried along like newborns at birth (Isaiah 46:3).
  - B. “Even to our old age and gray hairs” God sustains us, carries us, and rescues us (Isaiah 46:4).

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