

Remembering God's Benefits

Psalm 103

I. As believers, praising God with all our being is the best way to remember the benefit of our salvation (Psalm 103:1-3). We also find ourselves suddenly in tune with all other creatures that worship God in the universe (Psalm 103:19-22).

- A. God sent Jesus so we can receive the benefit of being forgiven—the most important reason to truly praise Him (Psalm 103:3; I John 1:9-2:2).
- B. Because of Jesus, God redeems us from every pit (Psalm 103:4).
 - 1. Separation from God
 - 2. Disease (Isaiah 53:5; James 5:15-16)
 - 3. Every other horrible situation
- C. God crowns us with love and compassion. This crown identifies us and distinguishes us with honor and authority in the world (Psalm 103:4; Isaiah 54:11-17).
- D. We expect good things to come toward us, so our hearts are renewed. We are magnets of favor (Psalm 103:5).

II. Remembering God's ways helps us to experience the benefits of God's love toward us (Psalm 103:6-14).

- A. When we are oppressed, we are never far from God. We are closer than ever (Psalm 103:6; Isaiah 61:1-3).
- B. We can expect to live without guilt or condemnation (Psalm 103:7-10).
- C. We can experience the very compassion of the Father (Psalm 103:11-14; Ephesians 3:14-21; Romans 8:14-16).

III. As believers, our most important benefit from God is our eternal inheritance (Psalm 103:15-18).

- A. We will leave this temporary place for an everlasting place. God knew us before the world began, and we will have a place in the world to come (from everlasting to everlasting) (Psalm 103:17; John 14:1-3).
- B. We can expect to leave an inheritance with our children and our children's children (Psalm 103:17).

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