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Topic: **Divine Forgiveness**

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

**Exclamation of Praise:**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

- To bless the Lord is to praise the Lord for his inherent holiness.

Isaiah 6:3, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

- David is straining his entire being...ALL THAT is within me
- True praise comes from your heart more than just your lips.

**Are God’s benefits conditional?**

- Yes they are...
- God must will it so, and then man must accept God’s plan for the fulfillment of his will.

- God wills forgiveness to all who come to him, but man has to come to him by making a choice.

### **Divine Forgiveness:**

#### **1. God forgives all sins.**

*1 John 1:9, If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- **We serve a God who forgives ALL sins, for those who submit to the will of His Son Jesus in obedience.**

*Romans 6:17-18, But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

#### **2. God removes our transgressions**

*Psalms 103:10-12, He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

- ***Iniquities*** – inward motivation
- ***Transgressions*** – outward movement

*Isaiah 53:5, But He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was **bruised** for our iniquities.*

#### **3. God remembers our sins no more**

*Isaiah 43:25, “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.*