

# PLAYLIST - Part 4

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## Psalm 103 - The Gift of Forgiveness

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**The Psalms in the Bible were originally \_\_\_\_, meant to be sung and intended to speak directly to our hearts.**

**Psalm 103 is a song of praise that reminds us of \_\_\_\_ we love God and are grateful to Him.**

*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,*

*—Psalms 103:1-2 (ESV)*

**All through this Psalm we'll see echoes from David of how God saved the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, as David seeks to \_\_\_\_ all God has done for His people.**

*'And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.'*

—Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (ESV)

**Moses warned the Israelites how easy it will be to forget when they're reaping the rewards of God's goodness, and so, David says it's important to \_\_\_ forget.**

**Hundreds of times the Bible tells us to \_\_\_ all God has done for us.**

*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.  
The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.*

—Psalms 103:3-6 (ESV)

**David sings that the LORD continues to be concerned about anyone who finds themselves in any form of oppression or \_\_\_\_.**

*He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

—Psalms 103:7-10 (ESV)

**As great as the LORD's anger and wrath can legitimately be, His mercy is always \_\_\_\_!**

**The LORD didn't create us for sin, but, in this Psalm, He shows us \_\_\_\_.**

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
—Psalms 103:11 (ESV)*

*as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
—Psalms 103:12 (ESV)*

**The distance from east to west is, ultimately, \_\_\_\_.**

*As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.  
—Psalms 103:13 (ESV)*

**Even as the LORD's love and forgiveness for us is infinite, it is also \_\_\_\_, knowing each one of us, our own sins and what we're struggling against, and He shows us compassion.**

*For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
—Psalms 103:14-16 (ESV)*

**If we bore the full weight of our sin in our mortal frame, it would \_\_\_\_ us.**

*But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
—Psalms 103:17-18 (ESV)*

**“Steadfast love” means a love that isn’t fickle or changes with the times or circumstances - it is an unending, \_\_\_ love that the LORD God has for those of us who “fear him,” who are in awe of Him and His greatness and love.**

**We prove and demonstrate our gratitude to and love for God, for all He has done for us, as we remember Him and \_\_\_ His commandments.**

*Jesus: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.’  
—John 14:15 (ESV)*

*The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.*

*Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!*

*Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!*

*Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*—Psalms 103:19-22 (ESV)*

**Worship *together* is so important, because to say I won’t forget is to see myself as something *more* than human, as like God, which was \_\_\_ oldest temptation.**

**We all \_\_\_, to some degree, and so we all need to use *all* the means of grace to remind us of and help us remember who He is and Whose we are.**

**Jesus doesn’t say our obedience to his commandments saves us, but he says it \_\_\_ we love him and remember all he has done for us.**

**Jesus instituted the \_\_\_ as a means of grace and a sacrament, a way of remembering, reliving and re-experiencing all the LORD has done for us.**

*For I [Paul] received from the Lord [Jesus] what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he*

*was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

*—1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)*

**Next Week: Psalm 103 & 104 - Worship**