

HANDOUT NOV 27 2022: "What God Remembers That We Forget" Psalm 103:6-18

God's Heart is for Each of Us to be so Completely Satisfied with Him that We Do Not Need Anything Else to Have a Life Filled with Overflowing Gladness and Thankfulness! **READ PSALM 103: 6-18**

Vs. 6 *"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed."* The "oppressed" are those who can't help themselves. Our God keeps his eyes on the helpless and when others hurt them.

- Psalm 91:14: *Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*
- Thankfulness is knowing that God's Protection and Provision is Not Just for a Day...But For Eternity! Those who Love and Wait upon the Lord will Overcome!

Vs 8: *"The Lord is Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to Anger, Abounding in Love". He Shows Mercy to Those Who Don't Deserve It. **The Lord is Compassionate-He Pardons Us. The Lord is Gracious-He Gives Us What We Don't Deserve. The Lord is Slow to Anger-He is Patient with Us even when we fall. The Lord Abounds in Love-He Loves Us More than We Can Ever Imagine.***

Vs 9-10: *"He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities". **He Tempers His Wrath.***

I've Learned that God is More Ready to Forgive than We Are to be Forgiven! When we Forget to Pray...**He Remembers to Feed Us.** When we Forget to Give Thanks...**He Sends Us Restful Sleep.** When we Idle in Sin...**He Sends His Holy Spirit to Convict Us.** When we Refuse to Give...**He Keeps on Giving Still.** When we Fall...**He Lifts Us Up.** When we Disappoint Ourselves and Others.**He Still Calls Us His Children.**

Vs 11-12 makes Clear that God Forgives All Our Sins: *"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us"*

- *"So great is his love for those who "Fear" [Obey] him" When Seek to Honor God...And Confess Our Failures...God Promises that Our Sins can Never Come Back to haunt Us Again.*

The "Good News" for All Sinners...*When God forgives, He Removes our Sins, He takes them away, and He puts them so far away from us that we could never find them if we searched for them for a thousand years. They Are Gone Forever!!*

- These verses say that God has... **A Long Fuse** - "Slow to Anger" (v. 8), **A Short Memory**-*"Does NOT Harbor His Anger Forever"* (v. 9), **A Thick Skin**-*"Does NOT Treat Us as Our Sins Deserve"* (v. 10), and **A Great Heart**-*"So Great is His Love, so far has He Removed Our Sins"* (vv. 11-12).

Vs 13 Makes a Comparison Worth Discussing: *"As a father has Compassion on his children, so the Lord has Compassion on those who fear him".*

- He Understands Our Weaknesses and has Concern for Our Sufferings and Misfortunes. *Compassion is Always Imperative to Point others to Jesus Christ!*

God's Plan For Earthly Fathers...*However Imperfect We Are...is to Point Our Children to Their Heavenly Father. When an earthly father has done his job well, he makes it easy for his children to Believe and Trust in their Heavenly Father.*

KEY: When Our Children Observe that God is at the Center of All we Do and that even in the Midst of Adversity, We Trust God's Plan, Thankful that He Will Use it for Our Good.

- *Then...They Will Understand God and Want to Receive Him Personally!*

Vs 14-16: *"For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more". **God Remembers That We Are Dust.***

The Brevity of this Temporal Life is a Reality! SO...Why Do We Spend So Much Time Focusing on NOW INSTEAD of INVESTING Our Time...Our Talents and Our Treasure on Things that will Bring us JOY throughout ALL ETERNITY?!

Living for Today's Comforts and Gusto is Epidemic Even in the Church today! And Therefore, the Church has Limited Joy, Power and Thanksgiving!

- **Thankfulness Overflows When Our Lives...Realize...Eternity is Our Real Home!**

Vs 17-18: *"BUT from Everlasting to Everlasting the Lord's Love is with Those Who Fear Him, [To Fear is to Obey Him] and His righteousness with their children's children- with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts".*

KEY POINT...God Links Us With Eternity By Linking Us With Himself...This was God's Plan before Creation Began!

VS 16 focuses on the Frailty of Man *"For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust"*
God begins Verse 17 with...BUT!

Even though You and I are Dust...God Created Us to Be Eternal! And Until You and I Choose to Focus on the Eternal...WE WILL NOT BE THANKFUL!

FACT: If YOU Want to Experience a Life Filled with Thankfulness...You Must Choose to Focus on Eternity and Make God Your Priority!

Last Week I said that for too many Christians...It's NOT that they Don't Want Jesus. It's Just that they CHOOSE TO NOT MAKE HIM ENOUGH! **It's JESUS...PLUS...!!!**

Psalm 37:4: *"Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart."*

- When We Seek God First...Our Lives Overflow with Gods Goodness!
- Result...We Are Totally Satisfied!!!

Gods Heart Is That You Would Love Him as Much as He Loves You!

David Understood God's Love as he wrote verses 5 and 6 in Psalm 23: 5 *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"*

David Understood that in the Presence of His Adversity...God Has Prepared a Table of Blessing for Him to Enjoy...To Have Peace in the Midst of the Storms of Life! And His Life Overflowed with Joy and Thankfulness!

David Understood that God had Anointed Him with God the Holy Spirit...A Life of Blessings. Therefore, David Experienced What God Wants US TO EXPERIENCE Each and Every Day, Lives that Overflow with Thankfulness for ALL God Has Provided!

POINT: Like David May We Trust Gods Heart So That We Will Know His Peace and Thankfulness Every Day!