

## NOV 20 HANDOUT: “What God Remembers That We Forget” Psalm 103:6-18

Our greatest barrier to Thankfulness may be how much we know...about how much God knows...About Us!

- Q: Do You Know God’s Heart Toward You even When You Fall Short?! **READ Psalm 103**

Perhaps no other chapter in the Bible so clearly Reveals God’s Compassion for His People. And Here’s What I’ve Found Out...*When You and I Understand Gods Passion (His Heart) for Us...Our Hearts Will Be Filled with Gratitude and Thankfulness!*

In Psalm 103 We Discover Several Liberating Truths about God’s Heart toward Us:

Vs’s 1-2: Psalm 103 Begins with an “Exhortation to Praise the Lord” with Our Entire Being!

- Then he tells us the “SECRET” to being Thankful and Filled with Praise...Taking Time to Remember All the Benefits of God’s Love & Care for Us!

After the Exhortation the Majority of Psalm 103 is broken down into 2 Parts:

- The Psalmist offers a 3-Verse Celebration of Personal Benefits We Receive from God!
- Following Vs 5 he Moves into a 14-Vs recollection of God’s Mercies to His Children!

Today We Will Look at Verses 3-5 and the “BENEFITS” of Being God’s Child.

Vs 3: Who forgives All Your Sins and Heals All Your Diseases.

Romans 3:23 says, *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* The Fact that You Recognize Your Sin and Feel Badly about it should Give You Encouragement for Several Reasons.

A lot of people sin and don’t think there’s anything wrong with it {Even in the Church} Yet God has opened your eyes to seeing how destructive it can be. God does not want you to live with guilt. He Wants You to Know and Fully Experience His Forgiveness. {THIS IS GOD’S HEART!}

**God Does NOT Simply Overlook Sin and say, “You’re Forgiven!”** God sees Your Sin but is Ready to Forgive You because Jesus fully took Your Sin on Himself and Paid for Your Sin by His Vicarious Death on the Cross. Yes...Our Sin is Serious and it Cost Jesus Incredible Suffering. But from the Moment YOU Received Christ into Your Life, His Forgiveness is Yours!

We can’t ever make up for our own sin or suffer enough for it – Nor does God want us to. Listen to Rom 5:8 *“But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”*.

Jesus was asked by His disciples how many times they needed to forgive someone. *Peter asked 7 Times?* Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven’ Matthew 18:21, 22.

**Jesus’ Point...You Always Forgive...Because God Always Forgives You!** God does NOT have a Limit. He died for Every One of Your Sins—Both the Sin’s You’ve Already Committed and Those You Will Commit.

- 1John 1:9: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* Gods Heart is to Forgive!

This Truth Motivates Me to a Heart of Praise to God and Thankfulness for His Grace! Satan will try to convince You that God could Never Love You...Or Forgive YOU! **TRUST 1 JOHN 1:9**

- If You’ve Asked God to Forgive You and to Come Into Your Life — You Are Forgiven!
- Thank Him for His forgiveness and Rejoice in Your Secure Relationship with Him.

**Vs 4:** Who Redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion: Ps 40:2 *“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.”*

## **Redemption Provides You Spiritual Blessings! READ Ephesians 1: 6-8:**

Human beings have an “Innate Desire” to Rid themselves of Guilt when they Know they have Done Wrong. *There is Nothing like a Clear Conscience.* It is always an important moment when an individual Admits to God the Sin's he has committed, and Receives Forgiveness, Grace and Mercy **READ PSALMS 32:3-5**

**QUESTION:** *If Confession and Repentance Leads to Spiritual Blessings...Why, Do so Many Christians Still Live without Victory or Thanksgiving?!*

**One Reason is that All too Often Confession is Made without True Repentance!** Just wanting to get rid of Guilt without making a Firm Decision to Turn away from that Sin, daily asking God to Change Our Desire.

- In Psalm 51:10 after committing 2 Capital Sins, David said to God: “*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me*”. **{Commitment to Change}**
- A Vital aspect of Repentance is a Firm Resolve to “Turn Away” from Sin! This Change of Heart/ Direction Is Gods Desire for YOU! Not just an Admission of Guilt!
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***When Your Confession is Real...Not Just an Emotional Response to Feel Good or Get rid of Guilt... You Will Stand Clean Before the Lord...And this Yields a Heart of Thankfulness!***

Vs 5: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- John 4:12-14 “*Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life’.*”
- **God's Heart is for You to be so Satisfied with Him that He Fills Your Life with Overflowing Gladness and Thankfulness!**

**It's Not that we Don't Want Jesus. It's Just that We ACT LIKE HES NOT ENOUGH!** We're really glad to have Jesus, but we feel that what we really need is a nicer set of golf clubs, a newer car, a bigger home, or at the very least a new shirt or pair of shoes. It's not that having those things are wrong; it's just that believing that they will satisfy is False and Only Leads to Unhappy, Unfulfilled, Carnal Christianity.

Earlier I said our Greatest Barrier to Thankfulness...May be how much (or little) we know... about how much God knows...About Us! And Like Adam & Eve We Run & Hide, No Joy!

**Listen...Giving Up...Running from God is what Satan wants...He does Not want You Remembering what God has done for you and being Thankful...Living in Victory!**

Satan wants You to believe God Does Not Forgive Continually! *But the Key to Thankfulness and Living in Victory each Day is Not Being Perfect... Because You Cannot Be Perfect! THAT IS SATANS LIE!*

**KEY: Confess Sins...Repent...Change Direction...Take your eyes off the World and Self and Place them on God's Purpose for Your Life!**

This is Gods Heart...That You Would Love Him as Much as He Loves You!

This Thanksgiving...Every Single Day...May this Truth that God's Has Provided Everything for you...Fill Your life with Satisfaction and Thankfulness

**POINT: When You Know Gods Heart...You Will Know Thankfulness!**