

From Grumbling to Praising

Lesson Two • Psalm 103:6-22

Remember God's Mercy

Prodding Our Souls to Praise:

We must continually PLEAD with our soul to praise the Lord by remembering the greatness of God's mercy.

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: Psalm 103:1-2

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1 ESV

Remember God's Mercy:

1. Our God Is a COVENANT-KEEPING God!

The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, Psalm 103:6-8a

A Picture of God's Mercy

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." Exodus 34:5-7 ESV

God's Covenant Is Renewed in the Gospel

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:31-33 ESV

2. Our God Is a COMPASSION-GIVING God!

- We experience God's compassion in the DEGREE of His mercy.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. Psalm 103:8-10

- We experience God's compassion in the DIMENSION of His mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:11-14

- We experience God's compassion in the DURATION of His mercy.

As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. Psalm 103:15-18

A Universal Plea to Praise God:

Remembering the greatness of God's mercy moves you from grumbling to praising to calling ALL CREATION to join you in praising God!

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Psalm 103:19-22

Remembering God's Mercy through Communion:

Feel free to stand and walk toward one of the four tables throughout the auditorium to participate in Communion. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross.

Followers of Jesus Christ who are in authentic fellowship with God and one another are exhorted to participate in Communion based on the "examination of their heart" in 1Corinthians 11:27-29.