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Praise the Lord—It's Good for the Soul

Lesson Two • Psalm 103:6-22

The Mercy of God the Soul Forgets

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

The Mercy of God the Soul Forgets

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 COMPELS you to call 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

COMMUNION

Remembering God's Mercy in Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat to eat and drink. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!