

Songs of David: *A Song of Blessing*

Psalm 103

The Title (v. 0)

- Individual Song of Praise: A psalm used to praise God for His attributes
- “Of David”: Likely written by David

Bless the LORD (v. 1-6)

- David’s prayer is a call to bless the LORD
- He calls on his soul to acknowledge God
 - Soul: Oneself, desires, emotions, and passions
 - “All that is within me”
- His name (*shem*): The essence & character of God
- David reminds himself of the benefits of being in a relationship with the LORD
 - He forgives the repentant
 - He heals the sick
 - He redeems the fallen
 - He shows love & mercy
 - He satisfies our desires
 - He renews the weak
 - He works for righteousness & justice for the oppressed

God’s Loving Kindness (v. 7-18)

- David reflects on God’s self-revelation to Moses & Israel (Ex 34:6)
- The LORD shows Himself to be:
 - Compassionate & gracious
 - Because He knows our moral weakness & physical frailty
 - Slow to anger
 - Abounding in hesed
 - Desirous to forgive
 - Like a loving father
 - Removing our sins

Blessings from All (v. 19-22)

- David closes with a reminder that the LORD is over everything in heaven & on earth
- So, kings should praise Him
- And angels should praise Him
- And all creation should praise Him
- And everything within us should praise Him

So What?

- Do we praise God with all we have for all He is?
- Do we spend time reflecting on His love, mercy, & forgiveness?

Meditation Verse: *Psalm 103:1-2*