

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 103:1-22 - Remembering God's Goodness - 06.16.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. I shared at the top of the sermon of a situation where I had benefits available to me that didn't take advantage of because I forgot:
Have you ever had a situation like that in your life, where there were benefits that were yours, but you didn't remember?
How did you discover those benefits and did that lead you to take advantage of them in the end?
3. How does the above illustration relate to Psalm 103? (*consider what it says in verse 2 and all that's written in verses 3-19 that follow*)
As you consider the benefits listed in this Psalm, are there any that you find yourself regularly struggling to remember?
Which benefits are they and why do you think it's hard for you to remember them?
Are there specific steps you could take to better remember & more fully take advantage of these benefits in your life?
Are there any of these benefits for which you find yourself consistently thankful to the Lord?
Which benefits are they and how is your life benefited by them specifically?
4. In the sermon, I mentioned the Chiastic Structure of Psalm 103 and provided a simplified outline of how it breaks down.
As you read through the Psalm, do you see the correlation between each of the ascending/descending sections of the chiasm?
As you look at the midpoint, verse 12, how does that central verse reveal a key point for us to remember?
How does verse 12 result in (or help to motivate) us to apply verses 1-2 & 20-22?
What does it look like in our lives to actively "bless the Lord"?
How do we move this intention from our souls to all that is within us, as King David writes here?
5. I shared Romans 12:1-2 for the benediction at the end of service:
How do these verses relate to how we ought to respond in light of what's been revealed in Psalm 103?
According to these verses, what is our spiritual (better, "reasonable") response to the benefits of God (i.e. God's mercy)?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
BASED ON PSALM 103, WHAT MUST WE DO?
 1. **REMEMBER** the reality of our unworthiness!
Confess our pride & sinful entitlement!
 2. **RECOUNT** God's innumerable blessings!
Constantly reflect upon His goodness to us!
 3. **RESPOND RIGHTLY** in light of these truths!
Give thanks to the Lord & praise Him always!