

## ***The Fear of God Part 16***

### ***Psalm 103 – God’s Blessings to those who Fear Him.***

***“1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s. 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. 19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.”*** (Psalm 103:1-22 KJV)

David in this psalm teaches us about the reason to fear the Lord and obey His commands. He started his psalm with a call of praise, ***“1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:”*** (Psalm 103:1-2 KJV) David is reminding himself and worm up all the parts of his body, his soul and his spirit to praise God.

David what he wrote and did is a good example and good initiative for us to do the same. \* Let us start each and every day of our life with praise unto God. Let us fill all the moments of our lives with praise, thanksgiving and gratefulness unto the LORD for all what He did and will do to us. \* Let us forget not all the benefits that we had received and had enjoyed in our lives. Let us gather all the good memories of the miracles and wonders and good deeds that the Lord had shown to us. \* Let us praise Him, be grateful to Him and serve Him out of reverence, and fear Him for all what He had done and what He is doing to us, and as we read here, ***“28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:”*** (Hebrews 12:28 KJV)

Various and multiple reasons prompt us not only to praise God but to fear Him. Many they praise God but they don’t fear Him. That is not correct and if those who do that continue to take advantage of Him in such a bad way, one day they will found out that He had withdrawn from them and took away what He had given them. Therefore, be aware that if you will continue in your sins then God one day will deal with you. Therefore, let us be sensible and

live in the fear of Him for all His mercies, grace and goodness that He lavishes on us as we read here:-

1) ***“2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:”*** (Psalm 103:2 KJV) We should have good memory to remember all what the Lord had given us, and all the benefits that we received from Him. **Our personal relationship with God lavish on us lot of privileges. God had given us everything we need for life and goodness, therefore it is good to remember all His goodness and His faithfulness and that will encourage us and lead us to fear Him.**

2) ***“3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;” “9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.”*** (Psalm 103:3, 9-10 KJV) God is faithful, He accepts us when we decide to come back to Him and repent from our sins and shortcomings. This is what the promise of the Lord tells us, ***“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** (1 John 1:9 KJV) God forgives our sins as we repent and renounce our sins. Therefore take the opportunity now to repent and to renounce all your sins. God also cleanse us and purify us; the blood of Jesus forgives and cleanses us from sins, for, ***“12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”*** (Psalm 03:12 KJV) The blood of Jesus also cleanses our conscious from guilt so we can serve God with a clear conscience as we read here: ***“14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*** (Hebrews 9:14 KJV) God is so merciful to us in this aspect for how we can bear and live our lives and serve Him if our conscious is burden with the guilt of sins. **For such mercy of God toward us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our conscious, let us joyfully and willingly fear Him so His mercy will continue to reach us and flow into our lives, in our bodies, souls and spirits; for great is the mercy of God on us and as we read here: “11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”** (Psalm 103:11 KJV)

3) ***“8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.”*** (Psalm 103:8 KJV) \* God is slow to anger because He is compassionate and full of love. \* When you do wrong things and He is still silent that does not mean He is not angry with you. Slow to anger also does not mean that He will not be angry when you continue to do wrong. \* Those who do not fear God and continue to do wrong they will be suddenly destroyed. Therefore you need to fear God to be restrained from doing evil, and that fear of God will not allow God’s anger to be executed on you.

4) ***“who healeth all thy diseases;”*** (Psalm 103:3 KJV) Sickneses are all from Satan, the devil. When we come back to God in repentance through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, God would forgive us our sins and would heal our diseases. Jesus Christ took the punishment for our sins and by His wounds on the cross we got healing as we read in this Scripture: ***“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*** (Isaiah 53:5 KJV) The Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins on the cross and we received healing as we read here, ***“24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”*** (1 Peter 2:24 KJV) Healing in Christ involve both physical healing and spiritual healing. He is our health, wellbeing and He is our

assurance and insurance for the days to come. Therefore let us continue to fear Him and revere His name.

5) **“4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;” (Psalm 103:4 KJV)** God loves us, **“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16 KJV)** The blood of Jesus was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The penalty of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Jesus paid the prize for our sins; He redeemed us and set us free from sin and death. We have salvation in Jesus and we had deliverance from death, sin, and from the work of Satan, demons and the power of darkness.**

6) **“who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;” (Psalm 103:4 KJV)** From God through Jesus Christ we receive love, care and compassion, because He has compassion on His children, on those who fear Him as we read here, **“13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.” (Psalm 103:13 KJV)** God’s love is a real love; like the love of the parents towards their children; how they care for them, feed them, educate them, clothe them and protect them when they are sick or in trouble. God in the same way is compassionate to those He has created.

7) **“5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:5 KJV)** God always refresh us with new blessings and satisfied our desires with good food and useful things which will work in our lives to bring new strength, refreshment, hope and faith on God. Each morning we wake up God had prepared for us a blessing. He is the only one who can satisfy us. He gives us the food that we need to eat that will give us strength and the good health for the journey of the day. We may receive from the world many things but we would not be satisfied unless the Lord Himself gives us. We may receive lot of things from the world but only the things that we receive from God can renew us and refresh us and make us as young people, strong and fresh and ready for the task of the day. The eagle lives long life, but every time he changes his feathers he is renewed. **We need God to satisfy us with good things so that our strength and youth will be refreshed and renewed.**

8) **“6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.” (Psalm 103:6 KJV)** The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He is a God of justice; although for a while injustice may be there around you, but finally His righteousness will prevail. **God would give us whatever due for us; all what was taken from us He will bring it back to us. Therefore, we need to fear Him and obey Him because justice ultimately will come from Him.**

9) **“He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.” (Psalm 103:7 KJV)** When God made known His ways to Moses it means He gave to Moses the ways and the rules of God and what the people of God need to do in each and every particular situation in their lives. When God made his acts known to the children of Israel it means that what God said in His Word He had fulfilled and made it come true in reality. We really need to fear God who had outlined to us through His Word everything we need to do and had confirmed that with signs, wonders and miracles, **“7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I**

**set before you this day?” (Deuteronomy 4:7-8 KJV)** Therefore, we really need to fear God so He will fulfill what He had promised to us in His Word.

10) **“14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.” (Psalm 103:14-16 KJV)** Our God is a considerate God, He is the one who created us, He knows and He remembers that we are dust, and God in dealing with us He gives us consideration. He knew that we have short life span, like grass, and as the flower of the field; that we are easily passing away. God knows that but we ourselves should not forget we are only dust. In many occasion man is arrogant and forgot he is dust and will not fear God. **The Lord is mindful with us, therefore we need to fear Him. We need to humble ourselves before Him; as He is considerate towards us, the more we need to be keen and honest before Him; that we need to do our responsibilities well, and to refrain from doing our own will and what we want.**

11) **“17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children;” (Psalm 103:17 KJV)** God’s tender mercies is for those who fear Him. Therefore as we fear Him and walk in His ways, His mercy and righteousness will not only reach us but will extend further to our children and our children’s children. **We cannot secure the future for our children but we can secure the present life we live in fearing the Lord, then He will be the one to secure the future for our children and our children’s children.**

12) **“19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.” (Psalm 103:19 KJV)** God had His throne prepared and established in Heaven for judgment. Everything and all the kingdoms of the earth are under His control and we need to abide with Him and His Word. To fear Him is to keep His covenant and to remember to do His commandments. All the good things that we explained God will bestow on those who fear Him. Those who fear God are those who are keen to keep His covenant and are diligent to keep and observe His commandments as we read here: **“18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.” (Psalm 103:18 KJV)** Therefore if you want to receive all the wonderful blessings of God that we spoke and discussed in this message then you need to fear God and do all what you can to abide with His Word and commands.

**My dear and beloved:** The Lord as He judges the earth He has His host of angels, He has hosts of the natural things He created and who will abide with His order to execute His judgment, and He has His church represented by His ministers who do His will and His pleasure. That is why the Psalmist shouted with joy, **“20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.” (Psalm 103:20-22 KJV)** Therefore let us genuinely fear Him and perfecting our obedience that conform to His commands, hearkening to the voice of His Word and living to do His will and to please Him.

Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for all your goodness and

*your mercies unto me. Lord thank you for the salvation that I received through the sacrifice of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life.*

*Now confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your ungratefulness, and your non willingness to obey God and abide to do His Word and His will. Confess your lack of commitment and your non willingness to obey God. Lord forgive me, I renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Lord I commit myself to live in the fear of you, keeping my covenant and my commitment with you and abiding with your commands, responding to the voice of your Word in living my life to please you. Lord sustain me to be found worthy in your eyes and let your mercies and grace continue to reach me and to reach my family, my children, my children's children, and my disciples and ministry; this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

*Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and committed their lives once again to you. Lord restore them once again to you and use them to serve you. Lord help them to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit so people will see Jesus in their lives.*

*Lord as a church we thank you for all the miracles and the wonders that you did in the midst of us. Lord bless us as your church and uphold us with your grace and mercy. Lord prepare us and perfect us for your coming that when you will come you will take us with you. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you. Lord enable us to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus and to start to teach them your Word. Lord lead us to make new disciples and train new workers and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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