

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

HE REMEMBERETH THAT WE ARE DUST PSALMS 103

Text: Psalms 103:14

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¹⁴ For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Introduction:

This Psalm speaks of authentic worship. This is the heartbeat of [Psalm 103](#).

It is a hymn of praise to God that overflows from a heart that was devoted to the Lord.

In this psalm, David surveyed the love and compassion of God toward his people.

The main thought of this psalm is David calls upon his own heart to praise the Lord for His many blessings and calls upon other people to do the same.

There are three divisions in this Psalm:

1. The Rejoicing of Praise in: (verses 1-2)
2. The Reason for Praise in: (verses 3-19)
3. The Reinforcement of Praise in: (verses 20-22)

I want to concentrate this evening on this second division – The Reason for Praise.

Though there are many reasons for us to praise the Lord, as a matter of fact there are more reasons to praise the Lord than we have time to consider.

Note:

1. GOD SATISFIES WITH GOOD THINGS (VS. 5A)

Psalm 103:5

⁵ ***Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;*** so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Because of the satisfaction that God provides, David states that his youth is renewed.

Not only does God Satisfy Us With Good Things but note also:

2. GOD STRENGTHEN WITH GREAT POWER (VS. 5-7)

Psalm 103:5-7

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.

He reflects on the children of Israel while they were under such bondage in Egypt.

God worked in miraculous ways in order to secure their release.

God watched over and provided for them while on their journey.

He made know His ways to Moses and His acts to the children of Israel.

Yet in making known His acts to the children of Israel they still doubted and disobeyed God

Notice:

- God's Patience (vs. 8-12)

Psalm 103:8-12

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.

He Is Compassionate to His Own (vs. 8)

He Is Slow To Anger (vs. 8)

He Forgives Us of Sin (vs. 9, 12)

He Is Gracious (vs. 10)

He Is Merciful (vs. 11)

Notice not only God's Patience but also:

- God's Pity (vs. 13-14)

Psalm 103:13-14

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.

God Is Compassionate (vs. 13)

God Is Cognizant (vs. 14)

God knows our weakness.

God knows that we are not more than dust.

We were created from the dust of the ground and one day we will return back to the dust from which we were created.

I'm glad that God does know us, all about us.

Notice not only God's Patience and Pity but also:

- God's Permanence (vs. 15-18)

Psalm 103:15-18

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.

We are like the grass or as a flower but God and His mercy is everlasting.

Notice not only God's Patience, Pity, and Permanence but also:

- God's Providence

Psalm 103:19

¹⁹ The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Close:

David calls upon his own heart to praise the Lord for his many blessings and calls upon other people to do the same.

Years ago Thomas K. Beecher was called upon to substitute for his famous brother, Henry Ward Beecher.

As usual, many curiosity seekers had come expecting to hear Henry Beecher speak.

When Thomas Beecher appeared in the pulpit, some of the people got up and started for the doors.

Sensing their disappointment because he was substituting for his brother, Thomas Beecher announced, "All those who came here this morning to worship Henry Ward Beecher may withdraw from the church.

All who came to worship God may remain."

Worshipping God requires that believers always keep their focus on him, never upon man. God alone is worthy of worship.

Let God's people remind their own hearts of this singular gaze in worship. God alone is to be praised.