

Discussion Questions

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Being Encouraged in the Lord Psalm 103

1. Have you ever struggled with the goodness of God?
2. Have you ever been angry with God and tried to punish Him for what you thought was His failure to be faithful to you?
3. Have you ever been in a place in your life where you forgot the benefits of knowing the Lord?
4. Have you ever wrestled with bitterness and tried to keep it from overtaking your soul?
5. Have you ever seen the power of forgiveness work in your life? How?
6. How do you personally bless the Lord?

Psalm 103:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

A Kingdom Perspective

	Heaven	Hell
Language:	Truth	Lies
Setting:	Light	Darkness
Goal:	Life	Death
Pursuit:	Love	Selfishness
Heart:	Joy	Bitterness
Attitude:	Hope	Despair
Product:	Holiness	Corruption
Aim:	Fear of God	Fear of man

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

1. Who forgives all your iniquity
2. Who heals all your diseases
3. Who redeems your life from the pit
4. Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy
5. Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles

Psalm 103:6 – 10

*The Lord works righteousness and justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses and His acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

Deuteronomy 34:5 – 7

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.

Psalm 103:11 – 12

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Psalm 103:13 – 19

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 103:20 – 22

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!