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Psalms 90-106

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PSALM 103

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father pities *his* children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we *are* dust.

¹⁵ As *for* man, his days *are* like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

¹⁶ For the wind passes over it, and it is ^[b]gone,
And its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

¹⁹ The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

²¹ Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts,
You ^[c]ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

²² Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 103:11-22

APPLICATION OF THE MERCY OF THE LORD

¹¹ *For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;*

¹² *As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

Psalm 103:11-12

1. Description of the mercy of the LORD

- a) His mercy is huge
- b) This is promised to all who fear Him

2. The transgressions of life

- a) God has removed our transgressions
- b) This is His mercy applied

GOD AS OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

¹³ *As a father pities his children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.*

¹⁴ *For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.*

Psalm 103:13-14

1. God is compared to a father who pities his children
2. God shows sympathy to those who fear Him

HUMAN MORTALITY

*¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.*

*¹⁶ For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.*

Psalm 103:15-16

1. Man's days are compared to:

- a) Grass
- b) The flower of the field

2. Life on earth

- a) Man flourishes
- b) The wind passes over
- c) Life is gone
- d) Nobody remembers

THE MERCY OF THE LORD

*¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,*

*¹⁸ To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.*

Psalm 103:17-18

1. God's mercy is everlasting

2. It is promised to those who fear Him

3. His mercy will extend to the next generations

4. More specifically

- a) To those who keep His covenant
- b) To those who remember His commandments
- c) To those who keep His commandments to do them

THE KINGDOM OF THE LORD

*The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.*

Psalm 103:19

- 1. God's kingdom is an established one
- 2. His throne is in the heavens
- 3. His kingdom rules over all earthly ones

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE LORD

²⁰ Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

²¹ Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

Psalm 103:29-21

- 1. A Call to bless the LORD
- 2. This Call is extended to:
 - a) The mighty angels
 - i) They do His word

ii) They heed the voice of God

b) The host of God's servants

i) All who serve the LORD

ii) All who seek to do the things that bring pleasure to God