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The Greater God's Grace—The Greater Our Worship

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Psalm 103:12-22 *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 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 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! (NKJV)*

own? How long do the most beautiful flowers of the field last? How is God's love contrasted with the most excellent of men? Does God care about your children? What are the limitations that prove this love of God is for His own? Do we have access to the singular sovereign ruler of the universe? Who always delights to give thanks to God more than we ever do?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- > FEBRUARY 3: DANIEL 1:1-3 **JERUSALEM FALLS: DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS BECOME SLAVES!**
- > FEBRUARY 10: DANIEL 1:3-7 **ONLY THE BEST SLAVES WOULD SERVE NEXT TO THE EMPEROR**

What good is any religion if it does not grant assurance in heaven? This is why the Scriptures were written-1 John 5:13. Such is the midpoint emphasis of this Psalm (vv. 11-12). John Phillips explains: "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear Him.' That is the *vertical measure*. We take a point on this planet and we draw a line upward. We extend that line beyond the clouds... up beyond the highest star. ... 'For as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.' That is the *horizontal measure*. We take a point on this planet and we draw a line horizontally... We must not draw the line from north to south because that is a finite distance... not so the east-west measure... We can start to travel east and there is no point... at which we start to travel west; or we can start to travel west and, no matter how long we continue, there is no point at which we start to travel east." The reality is that Christ has paid in full for our sins; they have been infinitely removed from us!

OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD! CALL UPON HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES! SING TO HIM, SING PSALMS TO HIM; TALK OF ALL HIS WONDEROUS WORKS! GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE REJOICE WHO SEEK THE LORD! SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH; SEEK HIS FACE EVERMORE!

PSALM 105:1-4

How many things does David give thanks or praise God for in this Psalm? What is the distance between the East and the West? How great is the love of our Heavenly Father for His

THESE THINGS HAVE I WRITTEN UNTO YOU THAT BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD; THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, AND THAT YE MAY BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD. 1 JOHN 5:13

BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY @ 6:30 AM –PRAYER MEETING – GAB 6TH FLOOR SPEAKER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – GAB 6TH FLOOR SPEAKER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

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I. GOD'S INFINITE GRACE

PSALM 103:12-16

Not only does Christ's death upon the cross pay the full debt of sin for His own, we receive full adoption into the family of God (2 Cor. 5:21, Gal. 4:4-5, Eph. 1:5-6). "*As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.*" With the strong, settled love of a father who has given His own precious son in our place, He had infinite compassion upon us (Rom. 8:32). David reveals that this grace is unmerited. The Father knows us and "*remembers that we are dust.*" Though elsewhere God's children are described as clay in the potter's hands, here not even the moisture is included—just "*dust.*" Then our longevity is considered: "*his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.*" Even our beauty is exceptionally temporary. This description should certainly deliver us from pride! But how is it possible that so much could be given to that which is so undeserving?

DAVID HERE ANNIHILATES ALL WORTH WHICH MEN WOULD ARROGATE THEMSELVES, AND ASSERTS THAT IT IS IN CONSIDERATION OF OUR MISERY, AND THAT ALONE, WHICH MOVES GOD TO EXERCISE HIS PATIENCE TOWARDS US.
JOHN CALVIN

II. GOD'S INFINITE LOVE

PSALM 103:17-18

The word "*mercy*" reveals the infinite lovingkindness of God in His delight to save and bless the lowliest of sinners. In contrast to our worthlessness as "*dust*" and our short existence "*as a flower of the field,*" the LORD in His lovingkindness is "*from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.*" This love for His own is from His eternal nature and just as it is infinite and will have no end, it also had no beginning. Jesus Christ is described literally as "*the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world*" (Rev. 13:8). As a Father, He is also a comfort to godly parents, reminding them that He cares about their offspring in that "*His righteousness*" extends even 'to

children's children." What tremendous grace God pours out upon "*such who keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.*" They do not forget His covenant love and they live in grateful obedience to Him.

I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS, AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. JEREMIAH 31:33

III. GOD'S INFINITE SOVEREIGNTY PSALM 103:19-22

Far above the temporary authority upon this earth, "*The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.*" King David is ever mindful and grateful for God's absolute sovereignty. He looks forward to that heavenly kingdom and calls upon the perfect angels to join him in perpetual praise to God. Unlike us, these "*excel in strength.*" The psalmist longs to be like them in perfection of obedience to God for they "*do His word, heeding the voice of His word.*" As the psalmist says in Psalm 119:10-12, "*With my whole heart have I sought You; Oh let me not wander from your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.*" Thus, as the leader of the armies and the hosts of all Israel, as well as the sweet singer who leads the hosts of choirs with all their instruments in full orchestration, David calls upon the great armies of heaven to join him in a more perfect praise to God. "*Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*" David longed to just please God mentally: "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer*" (Psalm 19:14). In a crescendo of thanksgiving and praise, David calls upon everything and everyone, everywhere in the entire universe to join him in the most mighty chorus possible: "*Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.*" Yet again his heart is so full, he must by example and by delight include himself: "*Bless the LORD, O my soul!*"

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Do you know for sure that your sins are forgiven and if you died today you would go to heaven?
- 2) Are you thankful for God's grace in your life so that you do all that you can to praise Him?
- 3) Is your authority used to draw others in authority into grateful praise and obedience to God?