

## Notes:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
1 Peter 1:3

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## *The* **SUFFICIENCY** *of God* **God an Amazing Father**

**Psalm 103:1-18** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>**As a father** has compassion on his children, **so the LORD** has compassion on those who fear him; <sup>14</sup>for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. <sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup>the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. <sup>17</sup>But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—<sup>18</sup>with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup>God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. <sup>6</sup>And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup>Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

**Galatians 4:4-7**

**Next week: The Triune God (Trinity of God)**

## If God is our Father, what does that mean?

### 1. It means to live in covenant with Him.

<sup>18</sup>...with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Psalm 103:18

"Yet to all who received him [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ..."

John 1:12

<sup>13</sup>... He has compassion on his children ... on those who fear him ..."

Psalm 103:13

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

### 2. It means to live in His grace.

<sup>10</sup>He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>...as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>14</sup>...for He knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

<sup>17</sup> from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him.

Psalm 103:10,12,14,17

### 3. It means to live in confidence when bad things are happening.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Psalm 103:8,9

And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "*My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.*"

Hebrew 12:5,6 (vs. 6 is Proverbs 3:11,12)

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

Hebrews 12:7

### 4. It means to live in gratitude.

(A big theme of this psalm is that we don't get what we deserve)

#### So what do we deserve? Verses 15 and 16.

The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. Psalm 103:15,16

The Psalmist says, "*We pass away like the grass,*"... and yet the whole point is God is our Dad, because we don't get what we deserve.

**Here's why-**When Jesus Christ was on the cross, it's the only time in all the that Jesus prays to God and doesn't call him Father. He says, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken [forgotten] me?" Mark 15:34

And so Jesus voluntarily gave up his life for us.

No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. ...

John 10:18

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "

1 Peter 2:24

In the first part of this psalm twice he says: Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Psalm 103:1,2

What is the psalmist doing? He's telling himself and us by extension to remember the great things God has done for me. "may I never forget" What?

(The One) who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:3-5