

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Benefits of the Lord

Psalm 103

Verse 2: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Now, listen to them:

Verse 3: Forgives all iniquities, heals all diseases,

Verse 4: Redeems (buys back) life from destruction, crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

Verse 5: Satisfies hunger; renews youth,

Verse 6: Executes righteousness and judgments for oppressed.

Verse 7: Made known His ways to Moses (and now to us through Christ)

Verse 8: He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, plenteous in mercy.

Verse 9: He will not always chide nor be angry.

Verse 10: He has been more merciful to us than our sins would deserve.

Verse 12: He has completely removed our sins from us.

Verse 13: He pities us, like an earthly father his child.

Verse 14: He knows our frame.

With benefits like these, why should not we all serve the Lord? Verses 17 and 18 tell us *how* we may obtain the benefits, *how* we may be profited: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting *upon them that fear him*, and his righteousness unto children's children: *to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.*"

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