

Today
Bless The
Lord

Series: Church Music
Text: Psalm 103

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 4: What is God?

Answer: God is a Spirit¹, infinite², eternal³, and unchangeable⁴, in his being⁵, wisdom⁶, power⁷, holiness⁸, justice⁹, goodness¹⁰, and truth¹¹.

¹ Dt 4:15-19; Jn 1:18; 4:24 ² 1 Ki 8:27; Jer 23:24; Rm 11:33-36 ³ Dt 33:27; Rv 1:4,8

⁴ Ps 33:1; Heb 1:12; 6:17-18 ⁵ Ex 3:14; 1 Tm 1:7 ⁶ Ps 104:24; Heb 4:13 ⁷ Gn 17:1; Mt 19:26

⁸ Hb 1:13; 1 Pt 1:15-16 ⁹ Gn 18:25; Rm 3:5, 26 ¹⁰ Ps 103:5; Mt 19:17 ¹¹ Ex 34:6; Hb 6:18

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Today's Psalm

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

Psalm 103:1

Every Blessing is Ours in Christ

Psalm 103 calls us to remember all the benefits of the Lord: He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems our lives from the pit, crowns us with steadfast love, and satisfies us with good.

Yet there is something remarkable about this Psalm. We receive these blessings even though we have not lived the righteous life described within it.

- David commands his soul, "Forget not all his benefits." But we forget.
- The Lord shows steadfast love "to those who fear him," yet our fear of God is imperfect.
- His covenant mercy rests upon those who "keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments," yet we have broken his commandments repeatedly.

But what about Jesus?

Jesus perfectly remembered His Father. He perfectly feared His

Father. He perfectly obeyed His Father. He perfectly kept the covenant. Where we have failed, Christ remained faithful.

Therefore, the blessings celebrated in Psalm 103 do not finally rest upon the strength of our obedience but upon the perfect obedience and saving work of Christ.

Because Christ bore our sins,

- God "removes our transgressions from us as far as east is from west."
- Because the righteous Son was condemned in our place, guilty sinners are received as beloved children.
- Because Christ entered death and conquered it, even the promise of redemption from the pit will finally be ours.

Psalm 103 is therefore more than a list of God's blessings. It leads us to the One in whom every covenant blessing becomes ours: Jesus Christ.

we are the work of God

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