

Psalms 103

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the reasons for praise in both personal and universal contexts, highlighting God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, and mercy.

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5, Psalm 103:8-12, Psalm 103:19-22

Topics: "God's Mercy", "Praise"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the reasons for praising God as outlined in Psalms 103, focusing on personal and universal aspects of worship. He highlights God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, and the satisfaction He provides, which are essential for the believer's life. Smith also discusses God's mercy, justice, and the universal call for all creation to worship Him, illustrating the harmony of praise that resonates throughout the universe. Ultimately, he encourages believers to join in this anthem of adoration, recognizing their need to bless the Lord with their souls.

Transcript

I. REASONS FOR PRAISE (PERSONAL).

A. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities."

1. This is my first and foremost need.

2. O the blessedness of sins forgiven.

B. "Who healeth all thy diseases."

1. Spiritual as well as physical.

2. Far more deadly the diseases of the soul.

C. "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

1. The disease of my soul and my iniquities had fit me for destruction.

2. A great price who can pay?

D. "Who crowneth thee with the kindnesses of love and tender mercies."

E. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things."

1. Mouth (prime. desire.

2. The satisfaction of the Christian life.

a. Man apart from God may be saisiated but never satisfied.

II. REASONS FOR PRAISE (UNIVERSAL).

A. "Jehovah executes righteousness and judgment."

1. One of the greatest problems the injustice of man.

B. "Jehovah is merciful and gracious."

1. Patience of God "slow to anger."

2. Mercy of God.

a. "Not dealt with us after our sins."

b. "Nor rewarded us according to iniquities."

c. It's length "for as the heaven is high."

d. It's breadth "as far as the east is . . . "

C. Jehovah has pity.

1. Pity is a quality born of understanding.

a. "He knows our frame - dust"

D. Jehovah's kingdom ruleth over all.

1. Jehovah reigns let the earth rejoice.

a. "He knows our frame - dust."

E. Jehovah's kingdom ruleth overall.

1. Jehovah reigns let the earth rejoice.

2. In danger of losing sight of this truth.

III. UNIVERSAL ADORATION LIKE SITTING AT KEYBOARD OF GREAT ORGAN CALLING ALL UNIVERSE

IN GLORIOUS HARMONY.

A. "Bless the Lord" ye His angels.

B. Bless the Lord all ye His host.

1. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host."

C. Bless Jehovah ye ministers of His.

1. Refer to angels but more.

2. Minister has unfortunately come to a narrow interpretation.

3. We who do His will are all his ministers.

4. Many ministries.

D. In case any left out not yet coming into great anthem of praise.

"Bless Jehovah all His works in all places."

1. Stones cry out.

After David had called all the universe into this glorious resplendant praise it is as

if he stands in awe as He listens to the glorious strains and bowing his head overwhelmed

he declares "Bless the Lord O my soul."

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