

Fellowship with God

Psalm 103

Big Idea – God the Father desires fellowship with us.

1. Man was created for fellowship with God

*Revelation 4:11 “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”*

*1 John 1:3 “what we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”*

2. I need faith to please God

*Hebrews 11:6 “Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.”*

3. God blesses His children with many benefits

*Psalm 103:1 “Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

*2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits”*

Such as:

Forgiveness

*Isaiah 43:25 “I am the One who forgives all your sins, for my sake; I will not remember your sins.”*

*Micah 7:18 There is no God like you. You forgive those who are guilty of sin; you don't look at the sins of your people who are left alive. You will not stay angry forever, because you enjoy being kind.*

*19 You will have mercy on us again; you will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea.*

Think about some of the people in the Bible who were forgiven for terrible sins and iniquities who later got it together:

Moses was a murderer

Sampson was a whore monger

Noah got drunk

David was an adulterer

Paul was a Christian murderer

Peter denied Christ 3 times with a curse.

Abraham had a child out of wedlock

Jacob was a con-artist

Matthew was an extortionist

It is God's deep desire to see you turn to Him and receive forgiveness for your sins!

*Psalm 103:3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.*

*4 He saves my life from the grave and loads me with love and mercy.*

Healing

Loving-kindness

Mercy

*Hebrews 4:16 "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."*

4. I need to forgive and show mercy to others like God does to me

*Ephesians 4:31 "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.*

*32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."*

*Mark 11:25 "But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."*