"The Face of Mercy"
God's Great & Precious Promises • pt. 22
Psalm 103

### Introduction

• the heart of true worship: "I don't want anything; I have just come near."

# 1. The call to worship (103:1)

- use of the first person singular
- his whole being
- how much that we pass as 'worship' is really worship? Deut. 8:7-18

# 2. Remember God's benefits (103:2-5)

- choice pearls strung on a cord of memory...
  - + God forgives
  - + God heals
  - + God redeems
  - + God shows mercy
  - + God satisfies
  - + God renews

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# 3. Remember God's beneficence (103:6-18)

- the parameters of God's mercy
  - + God acts only according to justice (v. 6)
  - + God won't change (v. 7)
- the depth of God's mercy

Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2

Lk. 7:40-47

• limits of God's mercy

## 4. Remember God's supremacy (103:19-22)

### Conclusion

"We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God." - A.W. Tozer

"We need to ask ourselves whether or not there is any real praise in our hearts. It is so easy to come to church out of habit. It is so easy to repeat 'Amen' without ever really speaking to God. Spiritual lukewarmness is a common disease in a land...where being a Christian is respectable. If that is our condition, then we, like David, need to talk to ourselves. We need to stir our hearts up to a more appropriate emotional response to the truth about the God we know. If you find your heart cold, then do what David did and count your blessings." - Roy Clements