

PSALM 103

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BIBLE

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Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word.
Read Psalm 103.

LISTEN

SERMON BY PETER MACLURE

Follow the link in the email to listen to a sermon on this passage.

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

What does it mean to praise? What does it mean to give praise to God?

Personal blessings v1-5

- Peter reminded us of the old answer to the question: what is the chief end of man and the answer is to worship God and enjoy him forever
 - Do we think of worship and enjoying Him as being our chief end
 - What other things can we make our chief end?
- Share personal blessings you have enjoyed in recent times and praise God for them
- In v2 we are called to 'forget not all his blessings'. What can it lead to if we do forget our blessings
- What do you find helpful to remind you of God's blessings? What might you need to change to ensure you are reminded of His blessings?
- Our greatest problem and need is for the forgiveness of sin. Why is this?
- v3 says God 'heals all your diseases'. Does this mean we should expect to be healed from all illness? If not how should we read this verse?

Collective Blessings V 6-18

- v6 says that 'The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.' Dwell on why that is good news.

- God has removed our sin from us. The passage uses two images for this in v11-12. What are they and what impact do they have on us?
- Read v13-18 and reflect on what is revealed of God's character.
 - What is our response to that revelation?

Calling all creation to praise God V19-22

- Read these verses and summarise what it is saying
- What is our response to this?

Summarise and Apply

- What in this passage leads us to worship Jesus?
- What do we learn about ourselves from this passage? How does it lead us to give thanks or repent?
- How might this help us share the good news with our friends and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use psalm 103 to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

