

You Have Loving Kindness

Turn to Psalm 103:1-2

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Question: Why would God through David tell us not to forget all of His benefits?

Answer: God's benefits will drive you back to **Him**.

 You <u>live</u> for the Lord, and <u>work</u> for Him and His <u>kingdom</u>; it comes with <u>benefits</u>.

We have talked about a supernatural benefit of:

- The <u>new</u> you
- The **forgiveness** of all iniquity
- The release / **healing** of all diseases
 - We cannot be a <u>part time</u> believer in who God is in our lives and expect <u>full</u> benefits.

It's hard to trust God because of the setup. It's called **tribulation**.

John 16:33

2 things this tells us:

- In this world, stuff happens.
- Jesus overcame the stuff so it doesn't have to affect you where you doubt God in areas of life (<u>part time</u> believers)
- 2. By the way, the world cannot meet the needs only God can fulfill and it's called His **benefits**.
- 3. Church family: God Himself is your **source** of happiness. Your spouse is God's **aift** to you.

When you <u>de-elevate</u> the gift and put the gift in its proper place, you will <u>experience</u> the release of all God's benefits.

How do you put things in its proper place?

Answer: **repent**

Remember the new you?

Be **released** from an inner bent that life created.

In this Church, it's a **culture shift**.

- 4. Run to **Jesus** and change your **source**.
 - God will not <u>compete</u> for your affection either, He is waiting on <u>you</u>.

Psalm 103:4

Psalm 103:4b

4... Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Crowns – to **encircle** you or to **surround** you.

- God wants to <u>surround</u> you, and there is power in this benefit of <u>encircling</u>.

Question: What does this verse tell us God wants to surround us with?

Verse 4 – **lovingkindness** and tender **mercies**.

Lovingkindness = **favor**

Tender mercies – tender **love**

Verse 4 reads like this:

...God wants to surround you with <u>favor</u> and compassion.

How do I experience favor and compassion?

The final words were this:

I long to hold you like Brigitte.

Son - will you let me?

Some of you in this house have a very poor vision of **fathers**

Your viewpoint is **not good**.

First, to experience God's favor:

- A. Some of us in this room must make a decision to <u>let</u>
 Father God <u>embrace</u> you and <u>hold</u> you and <u>love</u> you.
 - 5. When God embraces you, it will run the root of **rejection** right out of your heart.

How do you experience it?

Answer: You ask Him for one.

How do you get healing?

Answer: You ask Him for it.

How do you get forgiven / released from an inward iniquity?

Answer: You **ask** Him for it.

* The Father was saying to me, don't **forget** my lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Let me just tell you a story of Paul – Acts 27 & 28

At the end of the 2 weeks, they said, That's it. We are done – life is over.

Acts 27:21-26

They <u>listened</u> to Paul and kept everyone alive and swam to shore.

Acts 28:1-10

- Natives thought he would <u>swell up</u> and <u>die</u>.
- Paul just **shook** the snake off.
- The leader of the island got sick and about to die.
- Paul prayed for him and he was <u>healed</u>.

Second:

B. When you walk in favor of the Lord, <u>nothing</u> can stop what God has planned for you, you stand in God's <u>covering</u> and <u>anointing</u>.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego thrown in the fire were not afraid – they knew God's **favor**.

Complaining about life gets you **nothing**.

Third:

C. Be fed by the <u>Source</u> of the supernatural - don't be fed by the <u>flesh</u>.

Romans 8:11-12

Romans 8:13-14

Romans 8:15

How do you receive this favor?

D. Adoption: He is Abba Father

An <u>entire</u> tribe got saved because Paul walked surrounded by the Father's <u>lovingkindness</u> and tender <u>mercies</u>.