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**On God's Heart!**

Psalm 103



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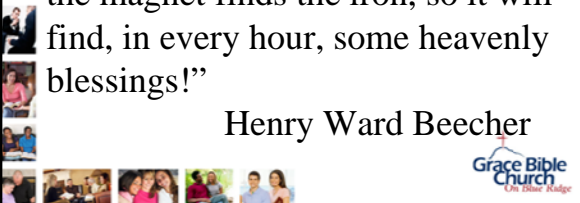
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“The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!”

Henry Ward Beecher



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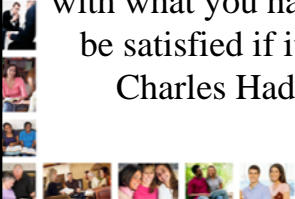
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“You say, 'If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.”  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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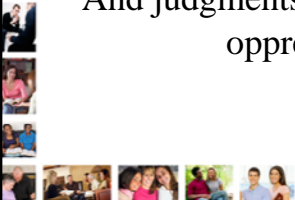
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6 The LORD performs righteous deeds  
And judgments for all who are oppressed.



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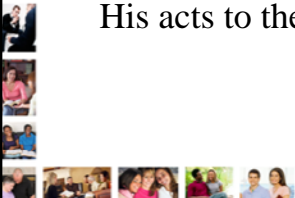
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7 He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the sons of Israel.



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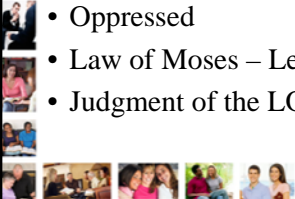
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God's Care 6,7

- Righteousness
- Justice
- Oppressed
- Law of Moses – Levitical Codes
- Judgment of the LORD – Korah, Achan



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Be thankful for more than elastic waistbands for your pants!



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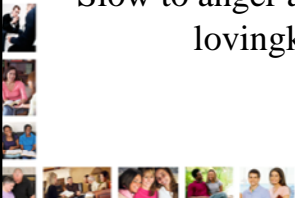
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8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.



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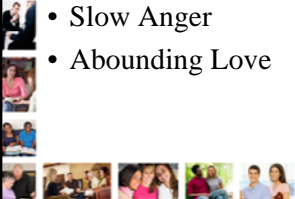
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**God's Mercy 8**

- Compassionate
- Gracious
- Slow Anger
- Abounding Love



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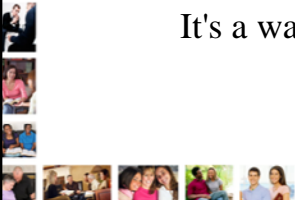
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*Our response to abounding love?*  
Grace isn't a little prayer you  
chant before receiving a meal.  
It's a way to live.



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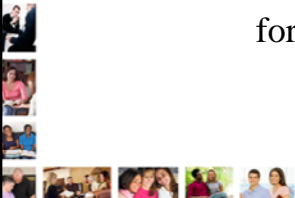
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9 He will not always strive with us,  
Nor will He keep His anger  
forever.



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10 He has not dealt with us  
according to our sins,  
Nor rewarded us according to our  
iniquities.



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God's Wrath 9,10

- Judge
- Anger
- What we deserve
- What we owe



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Gratitude is the least of the virtues,  
but ingratitude is the worst of vices.



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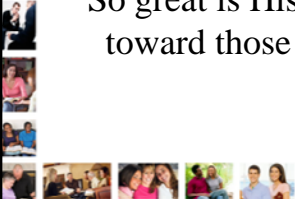

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11 For as high as the heavens are  
 above the earth,  
 So great is His lovingkindness  
 toward those who fear Him.


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12 As far as the east is from the  
 west,  
 So far has He removed our  
 transgressions from us.


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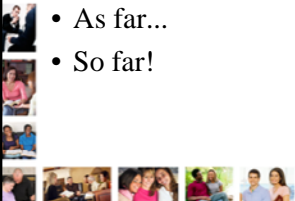

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God's Forgiveness 11,12

- As high...
- So great!
- As far...
- So far!


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“Thanks be unto God for his  
unspeakable gift.”  
Apostle Paul – 2 Cor. 9:15



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13 Just as a father has compassion  
on his children,  
So the LORD has compassion on  
those who fear Him.



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God’s Compassion 13

- Father to children
- God to fearing
- Godly fear



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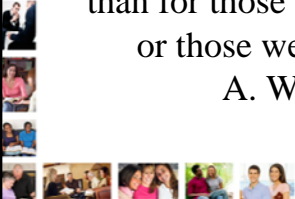
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*Stuff we never knew...*

"Perhaps it takes a purer faith to praise God for unrealized blessings than for those we once enjoyed or those we enjoy now."

A. W. Tozer



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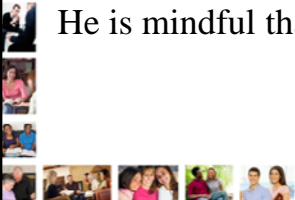
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14 For He Himself knows our frame;  
He is mindful that we are but dust.



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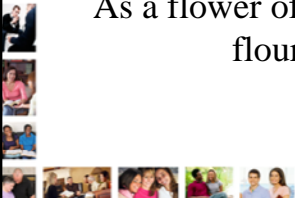
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15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.



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16 When the wind has passed over  
it, it is no more,  
And its place acknowledges it no  
longer.



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God's Creation 14-16

- He is maker
- We are dust
- Things are gone
- Souls are eternal



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Gratitude consists of being  
more aware of what you have,  
than what you don't.



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"Giving thanks to God for both His temporal and spiritual blessings in our lives is not just a nice thing to do – **it is the moral will of God.** Failure to give Him the thanks due Him is sin."  
 Jerry Bridges, Respectable Sins


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**Thanksgiving 2011**

- Care for us
- Mercy for us
- Grace for us
- Forgiveness
- Compassion
- Creator
- Redeemer





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