

## Bible Study 7 – God’s compassion for Israel – Psalm 103

*The Psalms are a collection of 150 poems that were collected over many years by many writers. You can imagine how desperate and hopeless the Jews might have felt when they were defeated by their enemies. But the Psalms encouraged people to not let their emotions lead them but rather tie them to God’s word. They could look at Psalm 103 and be reminded of the promises God had made. And we can look to Psalm 103 to remember truths about our God. Believers are asked to praise the Lord with all their soul as they journey through the transforming teachings of this psalm, recognising the tremendous depth of GOD’s love & kindness. Paul expressed the same theme: “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

<b>The context</b>	Psalm 103 is a typical Hebrew hymn of praise with calls to praise (v.1-2a, 20-22) enclosing reasons for praise (v.2b-19). Charles Spurgeon thought, “We should attribute it to his later years when he had a higher sense of the preciousness of pardon, because of a keener sense of sin, than in his younger days. His clear sense of the frailty of life indicates his weaker years, as also does the very fulness of his praiseful gratitude.”
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### ***PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Psalm 103***

Benefits (v. 1-5)	
Forgiveness (v.6-12)	
Compassion (v.13-19)	
Praise (v.20-22)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. Based on God’s how God treated the Israelites in Psalm 103, how should we treat other Christians?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Although they were sinners, God gave the Israelites many benefits, including love and mercy and forgiveness of sins. In response they are urged to praise God for His goodness to them individually and as a nation.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

## Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

