Psalm 103 Lest We Forget Pt. 3

God Has Made Himself and His Ways Known to Us

• Psalm 103:7 - ⁷ He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

• ⁷ He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. (NLT)

• 1 Corinthians 2:10-12 - 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

 God reveals Himself for the simple reason He wants to be known by us; God wants us to know Him not simply as a Rule-giver but as a Father.

• It is about relationship and not merely obedience, as important as that is.

 Amos 3:7 - Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

 Rejoice that the Holy Spirit is active in our lives and He continues to illuminate the Bible to us. • Psalm 19:7-11 — ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

The way to blessing is by righteous living.

 Psalm 31:19 - ¹⁹ How great is the goodness You have stored up for those who fear You.
You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. (NLT)

Jesus Understands our Weakness

- •Psalm 103:13-14 ¹³ Like as a father pitieth his children, so, the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
 - ¹⁴ For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

• Hebrews 4:15-17 - 14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

• 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 - 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵ For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. (NLT)

 Jesus gives strength in our weakness, courage in the face of our fears, peace in our storms, joy is our sorrows and hope in our darkest hours.

Jesus Gives Protection & Help to Those Who Fear Him

• Psalm 103:17-18 - ¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; ¹⁸ to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Our greatest act of worship is total obedience to God. (Romans 12:1)

 To obey will always be better than a sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22) • Psalm 112:1-3 - Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

 Fear of the Lord is a place of wisdom, but it is also the only place of safety. • Psalm 34:6-8 - ⁶This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

• You cannot fear God and fear your circumstances at the same time.

• Proverbs 14:26-27 - ²⁶ In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge. ²⁷ The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

• Proverbs 19:23 - ²³The fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.