The Love of God

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INTRODUCTION

- God wants you to be saved more desperately than you want to be saved.
- God's love for you is deep and intense.
- The cross is the preeminent demonstration of the love of God.

1 Bless the Lord and Forget None of His Benefits

Psalm 103:1–5; Psalm 8:1; Deuteronomy 8

- Psalm 103 begins and ends with the same words.
- All that is within Psalm 103 is ultimately an encouragement to us to praise the Lord as all is seen through this lens.
- Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of his benefits. There's a problem with the people of God that we often have a short memory.
- God is the source of our every blessing.

2 The Lord Is Compassionate and Gracious

Psalm 103:8–10; Exodus 34:6–7; Nehemiah 9:17

- The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness.
- That statement about God is one of the most important statements made about God in Scripture. And I know that because of how often it's repeated.
- Isn't it heartening that God did not give up on Israel in spite of how they deserved it.
- But you are a God of forgiveness. Gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness, and you did not forsake them.
- The story of Israel is the story of Israel's failure. And the story of God's loving kindness.
- He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

3 As High as the Heavens Are Above the Earth

Psalm 103:11; Isaiah 55:8–9; 2 Samuel 24

- As high as the heavens are above the earth. So great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him.
- Just as God's thoughts and God's ways are so high above ours, just as they are infinitely above ours, so his love is infinite as well.
- Let me fall into the hand of God, for his mercies are great. But don't let me fall into the hands of man.

4 As Far as the East Is from the West

Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:18–19

- As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

- Isn't it great news that we can run to the God that we have sinned against for mercy and compassion?
- Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.
- God is a God who completely forgives, who completely washes away sin.
- The very fact that God still offers salvation to those of us who have rejected his son is amazing grace.

5 Just as a Father Has Compassion on His Children

Psalm 103:13; Deuteronomy 1:31; Isaiah 49:15

- God uses a relationship metaphor to describe his love for us.
- In the wilderness you saw how the Lord your God carried you just as a man carries his son.
- Our love for our children, as intense as it is, falls short of being an adequate description of God's love for us.
- Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb. Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.
- Son asks, receive me back as a servant. Father answers, no. You're coming back here as a son.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you ready to make your life right with God?**

MY NOTES