

Forgiveness: Release. Reset. Renew

Psalm 103

October 3, 2021

1. A call to bless (praise) the LORD . . . or else **forget**

2. Prompts to praise the One who . . .

Forgives all your sins _____

Heals all your diseases _____

Redeems your life from the grave _____

Crowns you with love and compassion _____

Satisfies your desires with good things _____

Renews your youth _____

Fill in examples with
from your own life

3. Righteousness and justice for Yahweh's covenant people

A link with Moses reminds of **redemption**

Yahweh's **heart** revealed **EXODUS 34:6**

(also Neh. 9:17; Psa. 86:15; 145:8; Joel 2:13)

Slow to anger = He keeps his wrath in check

Abounding in love = **delights** in unrestrained love

4. His love is **vast** (see also Isaiah 55:7-9)

He removes the guilt of our rebellion. Who **pays** ?

His compassion as a perfect father—like no one else ever

He gives us every consideration in our **weakness**

"You infinitesimally small human, do not forget what connects your little life to the mighty dimension of eternity. Praise, praise with all your being the eternal God for sending fatherly goodness into your life; for somewhere and in some way your life participates in something which is in sharp contrast with human frailty; the steadfast love of the LORD."

5. Amidst inevitable decline, His steadfast love never **wavers**

6. Our God, the LORD, Yahweh rules over all!

7. Total praise from His mightiest **angels** to folks like us

Henry Francis Lyte (b.1793 d.1847) a pastor, wrote more than 80 poems, most on the psalms. In 1818, he underwent a great spiritual change, which shaped and influenced the whole of his life, the immediate cause being the illness and death of a brother clergyman.

Lyte says of him:—

"He died happy under the belief that though he had deeply erred, there was One whose death and sufferings would atone for his delinquencies, and be accepted for all that he had incurred;"

and concerning himself he adds:—

"I was greatly affected by the whole matter, and brought to look at life and its issue with a different eye than before; and I began to study my Bible, and preach in another manner than I had previously done."

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!