

Psalm 103

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I. What Given

A. "Mercy" is that attribute of God according to which He is absolutely blessed, wills Himself to be the most Blessed One, and

reveals Himself as such in blessing some of His creatures.

B. "Righteousness" is that attribute of God according to which His Being and works are in conformity to His holy will.

1. It is also a gift God imputes resulting in His judging them to be conformed to Him in their outward and inward life.

C. God's mercy gives righteousness!

II. When are mercy and righteousness given?

A. God's mercy is "from everlasting to everlasting;" it has no beginning and no ending.

1. Mercy comes to us in time, but its origin is the eternal God (not found in this world or in time).

2. God eternally determined to deliver them out of their deepest woe of sin and misery to display the wonder of His grace.

B. The gift of righteousness is given to "children's children."

1. This implies that in time God's spiritual people usually goes in successive generations, though not all and not only them.

2. So, in every age, to all to whom God's Word comes, He declares this promise and His promises are faithful.

C. Consider what this means for us who are in this present brief and suffering life.

III. God's mercy and righteousness is to "them that fear Him."

A. Mercy, like grace, is not common, but particular – limited to those who fear Him.

B. It is not the case that fear is first and the cause of His mercy, but divine mercy works the fear of Jehovah in His people.

C. One who fears Jehovah has a reverent and loving awe of Him; sinning saints are in awe that He would give them mercy.

1. Those who receive mercy know Jehovah to be awesome and they delight to keep His commandments.

2. Awe and wonder of God for giving mercy are the evidences of conversion, both initial and on-going.