

# **“Thanking God”**

## **Psm. 103:1-5**

### Introduction

- I. All of us have reasons to be thankful to God.
- II. Sometimes we do not remember how good we really have it (read or tell examples).
- III. Let us examine five verses from one Psalm that will help us to be thankful.

### Discussion

- I. Be thankful for the LORD himself (Psm. 103:1, 6, 8, 13-14, 17, 20-22; Psm. 100).
  - A. In God's presence is joy (Psm. 16:11).
  - B. God is the source of all that is good (James 1:17).
  - C. We should approach God with gratitude (Deut. 28:47-48; Jer. 33:10-11)
- II. Be thankful for the benefits of God (Psm. 103:2)
  - A. We should never get to the point that we forget how much God has blessed us (Deut. 8:1-2, 10-12, 17).
  - B. Christians have even more benefits than those in the world (Eph. 1:3).
- III. Be thankful for the forgiveness of God (Psm. 103:3).
  - A. We are the one's responsible if we are separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
  - B. It is through His forgiveness that God brings the penitent back to Him (Psm. 103:10-12).
- IV. Be thankful for redemption, mercy and kindness from God (Psm. 103:4).
  - A. Redemption is possible because of God (Psm. 49:15; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12).
  - B. Mercy and kindness is given to the guilty (Psm. 103:8-10; Rom. 2:4).
- V. Be thankful for the satisfaction from God (Psm. 103:5).
  - A. God does not bless us minimally, but rather abundantly (Psm. 31:19).
  - B. Because of what God does for us, we can endure (Isa. 40:29-31; Psm. 103:13-16).

### Conclusion

- I. Indeed, God deserves our thanksgiving, but not just one day a year.
- II. Let us keep the attitude of the Psalmist in our hearts (Psm. 92:1-2).