“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 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).