

**Psalm 103v6-12: God shows unlimited grace to undeserving sinners (v6-12)**

<sup>6</sup> *The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.*  
<sup>7</sup> *He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:*  
<sup>8</sup> *the LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.*  
<sup>9</sup> *He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbour his anger forever;*  
<sup>10</sup> *he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.*  
<sup>11</sup> *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;*  
<sup>12</sup> *as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

The writer reminds his soul what the events of the exodus tell us about God's character. God worked righteousness for his oppressed people. He set them free from slavery through Moses.

But having been set free the people grumbled and moaned and even created a golden calf as an idol to worship because God was not working to their agenda, he wasn't giving them the comfortable lives that they thought they deserved.

God should, by rights, have wiped out his people for their sin. But He revealed to Moses in Exodus 34v6, as the psalmist reflects, in v 8, that he is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast, committed love.

But God also told Moses that he will not leave the guilty unpunished, yet David here says he does not treat us as our sins deserve. How can both be true?

That is only revealed at the cross, where we see what it cost God to punish sin without punishing us.

So, this day, bow before the God of all grace and pray, with v10-11

Lord God thank you that you do not treat me as my sins deserve, because you treated your own son Jesus as my sins deserve. You do not repay me for my iniquities, because Christ has already paid for all my sin. Help me to believe you love me with unlimited grace. Help me to believe you have removed the punishment for all my sin, and it is gone forever.

Amen

