

Praying the gospel: Psalm 103v1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The first of the benefits that David praises God for is that He is the God

<sup>3</sup> *who forgives all your sins*

The starting point, the basis on which any one of us can live in a right relationship with God is this. That God is willing to forgive our sin, our rejection of him.

God knows all about *all* our sins. He knows about our murky past. He knows about our messy present. He knows the sins that we commit that we are not even aware of. He knows all the thoughts we have that we would not dare tell anyone else, they make us feel so ashamed. He knows about the lies, the deceit, the cover ups.

He knows all our sins.

And yet he forgives all our sins.

He does this because he loves you and me so much he was willing to give his own son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to take the punishment that all our sins rightly deserve on himself.

Jesus died the death that we deserve, so we can be forgiven. For *all* our sins. Past, present, future.

Which is why Paul can declare with great joy in Romans 8v1: "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

This is such good news we can scarcely believe it!

So let us pray this truth deep into our soul:

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Lord God in heaven, Almighty and Holy God, you know that I am a sinner, yes, and you know my sin is real and awful.

But I praise you today that because of Christ I am a forgiven sinner.

Thank you, Father, for forgiving me, cleansing me, washing me.

Let me live today knowing your forgiveness is real.

In Jesus name,

Amen