PSALMS 102-103

REVIEW…

- **Psalm**
  - God

    He

  - But

    will

99 – God of Grace
is KING – He is ABOVE all – and will JUDGE all – because He is HOLY…
God also FORGIVES all who call upon the LORD…

- FORGIVENESS does not mean there are no consequences – there is a LESSON to be learned…
- But we will worship at His HOLY hill – because He removes our SINS!

- **Psalm 100 – Shout to the LORD**
  - We should to the LORD _ because He has given us VICTORY over sin…
  - But the KEY to that victory – is to SERVE the LORD – so we can come before him rejoicing…
  - Knowing the God who CREATED us – PROVIDES for us – and NEVER changes!
- **Psalm 101 – the Good King**
  - A Good King – know that God is both MERCIFUL and JUST…
  - Knowing God could come at any time – he lives a HOLY life – guarding his eyes…
  - A Good King – will not allow a bad influence to be around him…
  - He will CONFRONT sin – and REMOVE anyone who does not follow the LORD!

Psalm 102 – Prayer of the Humble

- **1st – Overwhelmed … vs. 1-11**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - Exiled…
      - Prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed - pours out his complaint before the LORD!
      - As with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR [90-106] – there is no stated AUTHOR…
      - This Psalm is thought to be connected to the DIASPORA of the Jews – Babylonian exile…
      - But the TONE and some of the WORDING is very similar to the book of Job!
    - Prayer…
      - PRAYER [77 – [תְּפִלָּה]x in OT – common word used to describe talking to the LORD…
      - AFFLICTED [עָנִי] – better translated as HUMBLE…
      - What causes someone to be HUMBLE and PRAY to GOD…
      - He is OVERWHELMED [faint] – causing him to pour out his HEART to the LORD [יְהוָה]!
      - Do NOT miss this – it is the HARD times that make us look UP to Jesus…
      - Because it takes HARD times to HUMBLE us – show us we NEED the LORD…
      - Which is why we should not FEAR hard times – instead embrace them…
      - Knowing that God ALLOWS them – to remind us to COME to Him!
      - **II Corinthians 12:10** – "I take pleasure in infirmities - in reproaches - in needs - in persecutions, in distresses - for Christs sake. For when I am weak - then I am strong!"
  - 2nd – A Desperate Prayer… vs. 1
    - Hear my prayer - O LORD - and let my cry come to You.
    - LORD [יְהוָה] – I BEG You [imperative] to hear my PRAYER when I CRY out to You…
    - PLEASE [jussive] do NOT hide Your FACE in the DAY of trouble…
    - NOTE - the DESPAIR of the Psalmist because of his CIRCUMSTANCES…
    - He makes it seem like God is hiding from his TROUBLE!
    - What we must remember when we are going through a TRIAL…
    - Our TROUBLES are NOT in control – it is God who is in control of our TROUBLES…

- And they are NOT going to last forever –they are just for a SEASON [day]

- 3rd – An impatient prayer… vs. 2
  - Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble. Incline Your ear to me.
  - In the day that I call - answer me speedily!
  - Bend down and LISTEN [ear] on that DAY - and answer [imperative] QUICKLY…
  - NOTE – the impatience of the Psalmist – he wants an answer NOW!
  - No one LIKES to go through time of TROUBLE – it is an unpleasant place…
  - While we have the guarantee that God will deliver us – **Psalm 34:19**
  - That does NOT mean He will take us out of the TROUBLE now…
  - Because as HARD as we might be in – as difficult as things might get…
  - If He takes us out to soon – we will end up MISSING the LESSON God is teaching!
  - I Peter 1:6 – "Now for a little while - if need be - you have been grieved by various trials!"
- 4th - Despair from within… vs. 3-7
  - Physical… vs. 3-5
    - For my days are consumed like smoke - and my bones are burned like a hearth.
    - My heart is stricken and withered like grass - so that I forget to eat my bread.
    - Because of the sound of my groaning my bones cling to my skin.
    - The Psalmist was suffering PHYSICALLY because of his TROUBLES…
    - The days passed [consumed] like SMOKE – here for a moment then gone…
    - He was sure that DEATH was coming for him – cremated [burnt bones]
    - His heart felt like grass that had been cut down by a weed wacker – left to wither…
    - Leaving him so depressed he FORGOT to eat – and lost weight [skin and bone]!
    - There was a woman who had been sick for TWELVE years - **Mark 5:26**
    - She tried EVERYTHING – but God – to be her cure and answer…
    - Which finally brough her to Jesus – who then HEALED her!
    - One of the leading causes of medial issues – is in our MIND…
    - STRESS – and DEPRESSION – have a devastating impact on our HEALTH…
    - Because if the SPIRIT is not right – then the BODY will suffer…
    - But God will allow our BODIES to fail – to get our attention SPIRITUALLY!
  - Emotional… vs. 6-7
    - I am like a pelican of the wilderness. I am like an owl of the desert.
    - I lie awake - and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop!
    - The Psalmist felt ALONE – like a solitary BIRD [pelican – owl – or sparrow]!
    - It is NOT that people abandon us – or do NOT care about us…
    - The reason why we feel ALONE – when we are going through TROUBLES…
    - God will allow us to be ISOLATED – so we have no one else to turn to but Him!
- 5th – Attacks from without… vs. 8

- My enemies reproach me all day long. Those who deride me swear an oath against me!
- The TROUBLES were not just from WITHIN – they also came from WITHOUT…
- ALL [כָּל] day his ENEMIES attack [piel] – yelling and swearing at him!
- Job lost all his MONEY – all his FAMILY – and his HEALTH – all at once…
- There is an OLD saying – that when it RAINS – it also POURS…
- Meaning – when ONE thing goes wrong – it seems to ALL go wrong!
- Not because God is MEAN – but because we are HARD of hearing…
- It is NOT easy to get our attention – sometimes it takes a LOT of effort…
- If need be - God can make the whole WORLD come against us – to wake us up!

- 6th – Wrath from above … vs. 9-11
  - For I have eaten ashes like bread - and mingled my drink with weeping.
  - Because of Your indignation and Your wrath. For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
  - My days are like a shadow that lengthens - and I wither away like grass!
  - The REAL source of the TROUBLE – was not from within or without – it was from ABOVE…
  - The reason the Psalmist was eating ASH and drinking TEARS – the ANGER and WRATH of God…
  - God had LIFTED him up [success] – only to CAST him down [failure]
  - Making him like a fading SHADOW – or wilting GRASS!
  - They only way to OPEN a locked door – is to have the RIGHT key…
  - Anything else we try will only cause FRUSTRATION – and leave us on the OUTSIDE!
  - People look for answers to their TROUBLES in all the wrong places…
  - They try and look WITHIN – blaming their EMOTIONS – or their PAST…
  - They try and look WITHOUT – blaming others for their troubles…
  - But until we look UP – and realize God is the one who is SOVEREIGN – **Ephesians 1:11**
  - He is the one who can LIFT us up – or CAST us down…
  - We will not have the KEY that will unlock the door to get us OUT of our TROUBLES!

- **2nd – Hope of Israel… vs. 12-22**
  - Change of pronoun…
    - When the Psalmist is TROUBLED – he uses [28x]: I – ME – MY – **Psalm 102:1-12**
    - The Psalmist has HOPE he uses [34x]: LORD – You – Your – He – God – **Psalm 102:13-28**

- The point is POWERFUL – when we look WITHIN for answers…
- We are going to get overwhelmed and filled with despair…
- It is ONLY when we look to JESUS – that we are going to have HOPE!

- 1st – Never changing… vs. 12
  - But You - O LORD - shall endure forever - and the remembrance of Your name to all generations!
  - BUT You LORD [וְאַתָּה יְהוָה] – is one of the most POWERFUL phrases in the Bible…
  - EVERYTHING can be going WRONG – BUT – the LORD does NOT change – **Hebrews 13:8**
  - He is ETERNAL [לְעוֹלָם] – and His name is the same from generation to generation!
  - Our TROUBLES will come and go in this life – we will have GOOD days and BAD days…
  - People will come and go in this life – FRIENDS lost – ENEMIES become friends…
  - The one CONSTANT that will NEVER change – is the LORD!
- 2nd – Mercy for Israel… vs. 13-14
  - You will arise and have mercy on Zion. For the time to favor her. Yes - the set time has come.
  - For Your servants take pleasure in her stones - and show favor to her dust!
  - God will RISE and show His MERCY [רָחַם] to Israel [Zion]
  - Because it is the TIME for GRACE [חָנַן] – YES - the TIME has come…
  - And those who SERVE the LORD will LOVE her stones and dust!
  - Israel was first CAST off by the LORD for SEVENTY years – **Jeremiah 25:11**
  - Then they were CAST off a second time for TWO thousand years…
  - But when the TIME was right – God brought His servants back to Jerusalem…
  - Not because they were WORTHY – but because of His GRACE!
  - **Romans 11:5** – "Even so then - at this present time there is a remnant [chosen by] grace."
  - If God gave GRACE to Israel – and brough them back to His Holy City…
  - We can also have the confidence God will RESTORE us – in His TIME…
  - Not because we DESERVE it – but because of His GRACE!
- 3rd – Rebuilding Zion… vs. 15-17
  - So - the nations shall fear the name of the LORD - and all the kings of the earth Your glory.
  - For the LORD shall build up Zion. He shall appear in His glory.
  - He shall regard the prayer of the destitute - and shall not despise their prayer!

- When God RESTORED Israel – it causes ALL [כָּל] the NATIONS [גּוֹיִם] to FEAR the LORD…
- And ALL [כָּל] of the KINGS [מֶלֶךְ] of the earth – will see [imperfect] the GLORY [כָּבוֹד] of God…
- Because once the LORD [יְהוָה] rebuilds Jerusalem – He will come in His GLORY…
- Then the LORD will hear the PRAYER of the POOR [naked]!
- When Babylon conquered Jerusalem – only the POOREST people were left behind!
- **Jeremiah 55:16** – "[Nebuchadnezzar] left some of the poor of the land."
- Jerusalem was rebuilt after the SEVENTY years – but would be destroyed again – 70 A.D.
- This verse is ultimately fulfilled in the SECOND coming of Jesus – **Revelation 19:16**
- When the WHOLE world will see His GLORY – and FEAR the Day of the LORD!

○ 4th – Future generations… vs. 18-22

- Written down…
  - This will be written for generations to come - people yet to be created may praise the LORD.
  - What God will do – RESTORING Jerusalem – COMING in His glory…
  - Will be written down for FUTURE generations to read about…
  - So - people who He has not yet CREATED [בָּרָא] – will also PRAISE [piel] the LORD [יְהוָה]!
  - This is an interesting verse – where FUTURE generations come from…
  - We are NOT created in the womb – we are [בָּרָא] by the LORD…
  - And His desire is that we would READ about Him – and come to WORSHIP Him!
- Sons of Death…
  - God looked down from the height of His sanctuary. From heaven the LORD viewed the earth.
  - To hear the groaning of the prisoner - to release those appointed to death.
  - Because the LORD looked down [hiphil] from His high HOLY [קָדֹשׁ] place…
  - To the EARTH – so he could see free the PRISONERS – the SONS of DEATH [בְּנֵי תְמוּתָה]
  - **Romans 5:12** – "Sin entered the world through one man - and death through sin - and in this way death came to all people - because all sinned." [NIV]
  - The wording here is POWERFUL – we were born into SPIRITUAL death…
  - But Jesus looked down – and had compassion on us – saw we had NO hope…
  - And He came down to set us FREE from the PRISON of SIN – **Isaiah 61:1**
- The Millennial Kingdom…
  - To declare the name of the LORD in Zion - and His praise in Jerusalem.
  - When the peoples are gathered together - and the kingdoms - to serve the LORD!
  - Therefore – we will PRAISE the name of the LORD in ZION – in JERUSALEM…
  - It will be where His people [עַמִּים] will gather together - to SERVE the LORD…
  - Prophetically speaking of the Millennial Kingdom…
  - When all NATIONS will come to Jerusalem – to worship and serve Jesus!

- **3rd – Power of God… vs. 23-28**

○ 1st – Short days… vs. 23-24

- He weakened my strength in the way. He shortened my days.

- I said - O my God - do not take me away in the midst of my days!
- The LORD weakened [piel] the Psalmist – took away his STRENGTH…
- The LORD shortened his days – causing him to cry out not to take him yet!
- You may have heard about the SUB that sank near the Titanic last week…
- The people on board no doubt though they had MANY years before them!
- We tend to think we are STRONG – and will LIVE forever…
- But God can – and will – take our STRENGTH in a moment…
- He can cut our days short – we are like a vapor – one breath and we are gone – **James 4:14**

o 2nd – Eternal God… vs. 24-27

- Your years are throughout all generations.
- Of old You laid the foundation of the earth - and the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- They will perish - but You will endure. Yes - they will all grow old like a garment.
- Like a cloak You will change them - and they will be changed.
- But You are the same - and Your years will have no end!
- God is ETERNAL – He has been around since the beginning…
- He LAID the foundations of the earth – He created the HEAVENS – **Genesis 1:1**
- And He will be around when the EARTH and the HEAVENS get OLD…
- When God will CHANGE them like an OLD shirt – and they will be CHANGED – **II Peter 3:12-13**
- Yet HE is the LORD [וְאַתָּה־ הוּא] – and He will NEVER end!
- Do not miss the CONTRAST – we are just a puff of smoke that lasts for a moment…
- But the LORD has ALWAYS been there – and will ALWAYS be there…
- Therefore – in our DAY of TROUBLE we should put our TRUST in Him…
- He is the answer to EVERY problem – because He has seen it ALL – and is in control of it ALL!

o 3rd – Next Generation… vs. 28

- The children of Your servants will continue. Their descendants will be established before You!
- Should the LORD tarry – and our day comes to go HOME…
- Putting our TRUST in the LORD – means the NEXT generation will also have HOPE…
- They will also ABIDE [שָׁכַן] in the LORD – and be FIRM in their FAITH in Him!

Psalm 103 – Bless the LORD

- **1st – Bless the LORD… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - [לְדָוִד] A Psalm of David!
    - We do not know the TIMING or the CIRCUMSTANCES behind the writing of this Psalm…
    - But many commentors believe it to be from the LATER years of the reign of David…
    - When he had experienced the GRACE of God – and importance of SURRENDERING to Him…
    - Because what he wrote – has become of the most LOVED Psalms of all time…
    - As people resonate with the lessons David recorded – of the need to BLESS the LORD!
  - 2nd – Bless the LORD… vs. 1-2
    - Bless the LORD - O my soul - and all that is within me bless His holy name.
      - Bless the LORD - O my soul - and forget not all His benefits!
      - David did not just want to give a LITTLE to the LORD…
      - He wanted to COMPLETELY surrender to the LORD…
      - He wanted his SOUL to BLESS [kneel] the LORD [3x for emphasis]
      - He would KNEEL [piel] with ALL [כָּל] that was in him – for TWO reasons!
    - Because of His HOLY name…
      - We will KNEEL – because there is NO other NAME that is HOLY [קָדֹשׁ] set apart [unique]
      - There is NO other NAME that can save us from our SIN – only the NAME of Jesus!
      - **Acts 4:12** – "There salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
    - To NOT forget His Benefits…
      - When we put our FAITH in that NAME – there are a LOT of BENEFITS [more on that]
      - But REMEMBERING those BENEFITS does not happen by accident…
      - There are CONSTANT distractions in this life – that STEAL our attention!
      - I had a conversation the other day with someone from the church…
      - They commented how they seem to find time for K-DRAMA [missing sleep]
      - But somehow there is NOT enough time to read the BIBLE [remember the benefits]
      - It is really EASY for us to get caught up in this LIFE – and FORGET what God has done…
      - We have to CHOSE what gets our ATTENTION – CHOSE to KNEEL before the LORD!
- **2nd – Benefits of the LORD… vs. 3-10**
  - 1st – Forgives Sin… vs. 3-4
    - Who forgives all your iniquities!
      - FIRST benefit – is that God FORGIVES us of ALL [כָּל] our SIN…
      - Do not miss the KEY word here – ALL of our SIN!
      - When the woman with a BAD reputation came to the house of SIMON…
      - Wiped His feet with her hair and tears – Jesus told her:
      - **Luke 7:48** – "Your sins are forgiven."
      - When we are FORGIVEN – it is NOT just the sins of our PAST…
      - ALL of our SINS are taken way through the CROSS – PAST – PRESENT – FUTURE!

- Who heals all your diseases!
  - The PSALMS ties FORGIVENESS – here to HEALING…
  - Because SIN can be linked to physical SICKNESS…
  - But not ALL sickness comes from SIN – **John 9:3**
- Who redeems your life from destruction!
  - More import – what FORGIVENESS does – is REDEEM [גָּאַל] us…
  - God REDEEMED us from DESTRUCTION – literally the PIT of HELL!
  - We need to be REDEEMED – because we have a DEBT of SIN that we cannot pay…
  - How much is our DEBT – Jesus described it as TEN thousand talents – **Matthew 18:24**
  - For perspective – a TALENT is 91 kilos of gold – or three TRILLION pesos…
  - Even the RICHEST man in the world – does not have that much money!
  - Anyone who thinks they can EARN their way out of HELL…
  - Does not UNDERSTAND the DEBT we have – it is an IMPOSSIBLE sum…
  - Our BENEFIT is that God REDEEMS – pays our DEBT for us!

- 2nd – Surrounded by Love… vs. 4--5
  - Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
  - Who satisfies your mouth with good things - so that your youth is renewed like the eagle!
  - SECOND benefit - God SURROUNDS [crown] us with His LOVE [חֶסֶד]
  - We see the LOVE of the LORD in what He gives to us!
  - In His MERCY – He does NOT give us what we deserve – JUDGMENT…
  - Instead - He fills [hiphil] our mouth with GOOD [טוֹב] and EXCELLENT [mouth] things…
  - Therefore – we get our STRENGTH back – like when we were YOUNG!
  - **Isaiah 40:31** – "Those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."
- 3rd – Knowing Right… vs. 6-7
  - The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
  - He made known His ways to Moses - His acts to the children of Israel!
  - THIRD benefit – we KNOW what the LORD expects from us…
  - We KNOW the LORD does what is RIGHT [צַדִּיק] – and brings JUSTICE to those who are WRONG…
  - We KNOW [יָדַע] - because God showed us through Moses – the LAW – **Romans 7:7**
  - We KNOW [hiphil] – because God showed us in the EXAMPLE of Israel!
  - **I Corinthians 10:11** – "These things happened to [Israel] as examples and were written down as warnings for us." [NIV]
  - Most people do NOT know the difference between RIGHT [צַדִּיק] and WRONG…

- Too often today what is WRONG is treated like what is RIGHT…
- Sadly – ignorance is NOT an excuse – and will not help them in the JUDGMENT!
- **Judges 21:25** – "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."
- The reason they do NOT know – is because they do NOT read His WORD…
- There is a HUGE benefit to getting into our BIBLE – we KNOW what God expects!

○ 4th – Getting GRACE… vs. 8-10

- The LORD is merciful and gracious. Slow to anger - and abounding in mercy.
  - FOURTH benefit – the LORD [יְהוָה] is defined by His MERCY [רָחַם] and GRACE [חָנַן]
  - MERCY [רָחַם] – is NOT giving us what we DESERVE [judgment]
  - GRACE [חָנַן] – is given us what we do NOT deserve – we get HEAVEN…
  - We see this – because God is SLOW to get ANGRY with us when we SIN…
  - Instead – He is had LOTS of LOVE [חֶסֶד] for us!
- He will not always strive with us - nor will He keep His anger forever!
  - GRACE – does NOT mean God will not CORRECT us – **Galatians 6:7**
  - He will STRIVE [punish] us – but it will not be ETERNAL [hell]
  - He does get ANGRY when we chose to SIN – because He knows it is BAD for us…
  - But that ANGER does not LAST – our FATHER cannot stay upset with us!
- He has not dealt with us according to our sins - nor punished us according to our iniquities!
  - GRACE – means our PUNISHMENT is NOT the result of our SIN!
  - God does not give us the REWARD for our REBELLION – **Romans 6:23**
  - The PUNISHMENT we get – is that of a LOVING father to His CHILD - **Hebrews 12:6**
  - He is working out lives to teach us to LIVE a GODLY life!

- **3rd – Love of the LORD … vs. 11-18**

○ 1st – Great LOVE… vs. 11

- For as the heavens are high above the earth - so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him!
- Why does God give us BENEFITS – why does He give us GRACE – because of His LOVE [חֶסֶד]
- And to those who FEAR [respect] Him – His love is IMMEASURABLE…
- A LOVE that is so GREAT – it equals the distance from HEAVEN to EARTH!
- If by HEAVEN – we are talking about outer SPACE – the distance is 93 BILLION light years…
- Meaning cross it at the speed of LIGHT – would take 93 BILLION years to cross it – BIG!
- If by HEAVEN – we are talking about where God is – we CANNOT get to it…
- But because of LOVE – Jesus came down to us – God died so we could get to Heaven!
- **Ephesians 3:18-19** – "To comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge."

○ 2nd – Complete forgiveness… vs. 12

- As far as the east is from the west - so far has He removed our transgressions from us!
- A LOVE that does not just COVER sin – it REMOVES [hiphil] sin!
- The EAST from WEST is very important – because they NEVER meet…
- If we were to travel on a plane NORTH – eventually we would go SOUTH [they meet]
- But if we were to travel EAST – we would NEVER go WEST [they never meet]!
- Meaning God sent our sins one way and us the other – NEVER to meet again…
- We are sinners – we have made countless mistakes – but we have NO DEBT…
- When God looks down on us – He does NOT see our MISTAKES…
- He instead sees the perfect life of His Son Jesus – He sees us as perfect and FAULTLESS!
- **Hebrews 10:17** – "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

o 3rd – Just dust… vs. 13-14

- Made of dirt…
- As a father pities his children - so the LORD pities those who fear Him.
- For He knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust!
- A LOVE that always remembers who we are – frail sinners…
- A FATHER has compassion on His kids – God has compassion [piel] on those who FEAR Him…
- Because God KNOWS [יָדַע] us – He remembers we are just DUST [עָפָר]!
- **Genesis 2:7** – "The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground."
- We might think we are MIGHTY – and STRONG – God know the TRUTH…
- He knows we are FRAGILE clay pots – easily BROKEN – **II Corinthians 4:7**

o 4th – Just like grass… vs. 15-16

- As for man - his days are like grass. As a flower of the field - so he flourishes.
- For the wind passes over it - and it is gone - and its place remembers it no more!
- People are like GRASS – they grow up into a beautiful flower…
- They the WIND comes – and the flower and the grass are gone…
- And NO one even remembers they were every there!
- If we pass by a field – and it has some beautiful flowers – we might take note…
- But come back the next day – they are gone – we will hardly even notice!

- Our lives are SHORT – we have around SEVENTY years on this earth…
- And when we are GONE – few if anyone will remember us…
- This drives people crazy – they will do extreme things to be REMEMBERED…
- Some will give exorbitant amount of money – to get their names on building…
- Others will commit horrible crimes – so their names are not forgotten…
- But in the end – like the flower and the grass – their names fade away!
- **James 4:14** – "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."

○ 5th – Everlasting LOVE… vs. 17-18

- But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.
  - In CONTRAST – the LOVE [חֶסֶד] of the LORD will NEVER fade – for those who FEAR him…
  - It is from ETERNITY past – and will continue on into ETERNITY future!
  - They KEY word – FEAR [3x in this Psalm] the LORD!
  - Much of the world today scoffs at the Bible – because they do not fear the Lord…
  - They do not fear the judgment seat – they do not fear the Lake of fire…
  - But there are only two kinds of people when it comes to God...
  - Wise sinners who FEAR the Lord and see their need for Jesus - and those who do not!
  - **Psalm 111:10** – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom…"
- His righteousness to children children. To such as keep His covenant.
  - And to those who remember His commandments to do them!
  - For those who KEEP His commands – REMEMBER them and DO them…
  - Their EXAMPLE will inspire future generations [children] to also FEAR the LORD!
  - **James 1:23** – "If anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer. He is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror… he goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."
  - When I get up on the morning – I do NOT like mirrors…
  - They are TOO honest – they tell me EXACTLY what I look like…
  - But I find the solution to the mirror – is to walk away – then I can forget what I saw!
  - I know a lot of people who treat the Bible like that – they will listen – but then FORGET…
  - Sadly – this is a TERRIBLE example to pass onto our CHILDREN…
  - They will not follow what we SAY – they will follow what we DO!

- **4TH – SUBMIT TO THE LORD… VS. 19-22**

○ 1st - King over all… vs. 19

- The LORD has established His throne in heaven - and His kingdom rules over all!
- How do we KNOW for sure the BENEFITS and LOVE of the LORD are true…
- How do we KNOW He will not change His mind – or not have the POWER to keep His Word…
- Because the LORD is the KING – there is no one ABOVE Him…
- His THRONE is in heaven [there is none higher] and He RULES over all!

- 2nd – Over Angels... vs. 20-21
  - Bless the LORD you His angels. Who excel in strength - who do His word.
  - Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the LORD - all you His hosts.
  - You ministers of His - who do His pleasure!
  - ANGELS are STRONG – one angel killed 185 THOUSANDS soldiers – **Isaiah 37:36**
  - Yet the angels also KNELL [bless] before the LORD [2x for emphasis]
  - The ARMY [host] of heaven - LISTENS to and OBEYS His WORD…
  - They SERVE [minister] and do what God WANTS!
- 3rd – Over creation… vs. 22
  - Bless the LORD - all His works - in all places of His dominion!
  - All of CREATION [His works] will KNEEL before the LORD…
  - Everywhere His kingdom extends – which is to EVERYPLACE and EVERYONE…
  - They are ALL going to BOW before the LORD – **Romans 14:11**
- 4th – Over us… vs. 22
  - Bless the LORD - O my soul!
  - Since the LORD is the KING – He rules over ALL…
  - The ANGLES - all of CREATION – will KNEEL before Him…
  - And there are BENEFITS and LOVE - to those who KNEEL today…
  - Those who FEAR the LORD – LISTEN to and OBEY His Word…
  - Should we not SUBMIT our lives to Him today – BLESS the LORD will ALL that is in us!