Do Not Be Still My Heart Psalm 103:1-5 & 8-13

Psalm 103 challenges us to make sure that we are nurturing our
, not just performing religious duties and obligations
in a perfunctory manner. David directs his innermost being, "his
," to do that which does not come natural for his heart—to
praise the Yahweh, the name of the Lord—to God
for what is good and right in our lives. What comes natural for us is
to His benefits. When things go wrong, we tend to blame
When things go well, we tend to take the
David produces a catalogue of benefits from God. First is God's
of our sins. Our own path to God is littered with sinful
thoughts and actions that prevent our access to His presence and
power. But God forgives and removes those self-made
and opens our to Him.
Additionally, God all your diseases. Our God's concern for
you includes promises to touch your life and, not just a
promise of heaven someday. But when that day comes, God has a
plan. He your life from the Pit, a promise that would only
fully be realized in the
Finally, David lingers on his thoughts about the love of God for us.
In verse 8 and following, he offers one of the most beautiful
expressions of God's love in all of Scripture. God's for us
gives rise to His of us. He says that the of
the He has created between us and our sin
corresponds to the of His for us.
Here's the point: The height of the heavens above the earth is and the distance God removes your sin from
you when you choose to become a follower of Jesus and accept His
forgiveness is just as
God's unfathomable love and forgiveness for us should cause us to
pray, "Lord,
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