

Why God Forgives
Psalm 103:1-13

Psalm 103:1-13 reveals the relentless, _____ compassion of God for His children. In it, David praises the Lord for God's blessings bestowed on His people. He was aware of the special position Israel held among the nations from verses like **Exod. 19:5** and **Deut. 7:6**. According to the New Testament, because you are _____, you are a part of God's _____ people—His special possession—and the same benefits that He promised to His Old Testament people now apply to your _____ and _____.

The first blessing that is clearly uppermost in David's mind is the fact that the Lord "_____ all your iniquity." It is the removal of guilt that clears the _____ that separates humanity from God, making all subsequent gifts possible.

The Psalm also praises the _____ of God's forgiveness of His people. He has removed our transgressions from us "as far as the east is from the west." The Scripture says that when God forgives, He separates our sin that _____ distance from us. It's _____.

But the most striking and most praiseworthy thing about God's forgiveness is the _____ of His forgiveness of us. It is that the Lord is _____ and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in _____. His forgiveness stems from His fatherly compassion—His _____ prompts His forgiveness.

Remember how the Psalm began? David reminds his own _____ to bless the Lord and to forget not His benefits. Why? It is easy for us to lose _____ in the extent of God's forgiveness of our sins and lose _____ of the promised benefits because, though we are forgiven time and again, it seems it is in our nature to _____. So, we ask, "Why, God, would You keep forgiving me when I sin and sin again?"

His answer would always be the same: "Why should I allow your nature to _____? So, as long as I'm living, _____."