



Psalm 103:1-4, 8 -11

The Lord is kind
and merciful

Bless the LORD, my soul;
all my being, bless His
holy name!

² Bless the LORD, my
soul; and do not forget
all His gifts,

³ Who pardons all your sins, and heals all
your ills,

⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit, and
crowns you with mercy and
compassion,

⁶ The LORD does righteous deeds, brings
justice to all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, to
the Israelites His deeds.

⁸ Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow
to anger, abounding in mercy.

¹¹ For as the heavens tower over the
earth, so His mercy towers over those
who fear Him.



In this psalm we hear David urging everyone to praise God for all of God's goodness.

As you re-read this psalm you will notice that the first few verses not only extol

God's virtues but also caution His followers to not forget.

Don't let your worship become common place, something you do on Sunday, no, never forget all the benefits God has given to you.

When Abraham Lincoln was the president a mother came to Lincoln to beg for the pardon of her son who was condemned to hang for treason.

In his compassion Lincoln granted the pardon with these words, "Still, I wish we could give him just a little bit of a hanging."



I know a couple who
experienced a little bit
of a hanging.

Shortly after the birth of
their first son he was

diagnosed with spinal meningitis.

The prognosis was not good, death in
three hours.

God reached into their lives over the
next 6 weeks and the child survived.

Over the years that followed the boy
was a constant reminder of the grace
bestowed upon the family by God.

Today's psalm reminds us to remember
God's presence among us and not to
become complacent in our worship.

