Praise the Lord!

Sometimes it is easy to take things for granted when they have always been there. But when they are missing you begin to realize how much you really needed them! How about God? I wonder if at times we take Him for granted too. In Psalm 103 the writer calls on God's people to bless (give heart felt praise) to the Lord. Notice the things the Psalmist gives praise to God for.

1-5 **For His b_____ to us** *What God does*

Holy Name, Forgiveness of sin, Healing of diseases, Deliverance from death, Enrichment of life, loyal love and tender compassion, Satisfaction with good things

We should write down b_____ and thank God each day.

6-14 **For His c_____** *What God is like*

6 Cares when treated u_____ (Ex. 2:23-25; Ju. 2:18; Ps. 9:9)

7 Wants His people to understand Him - gave His Word.

8 Is a God of grace and mercy (revealed to Moses, Ex. 34:6).

9-12 God wants to forgive us when we ask (1 Jn. 1:9).

13-14 Knows us and treats us as a father would his child.

15-18 **For His c_____ to man** *God and man differ*

15-16 Man's days are like grass and wild flowers - strong but s_____ lived (Gen. 3:19)

17-18 Unlike man who lives a short life, God is e_____ and has an eternal covenant with His people. Our hope is in our eternal God. Thank God He is faithful, not like us.

19-22 **For His u_____ glory** *God's awesome majesty*

19 The God of Heaven r_____ the world

20-22 Angels, heavenly hosts, all of creation, p_____ the L_____

22 The proper response from me. Praise God with life & words

Closes as it started, exhorting himself to praise the Lord. Because we are frail and weak, we should keep on reminding ourselves of the big picture.

We owe our awesome God our heartfelt worship and praise.

Questions for each child of God to answer.

Do I have a p_____ time each day of praise and worship of God?

When there is an opportunity to worship God with others, am I there?

Do I participate in the worship service with preparation and e_____?

Does my life promote God? Actions do speak louder than words.

Am I c_____ others to join in the worship and praise of God?

Your notes here . . . . .