

THE SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

Psalm 103:1-8

What is God Like? How would you describe Him?

The Seven Characteristics of God

1. **He loves to help the needy.** *"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed..." Psalm 103:6-7*
2. **He shows mercy to those who don't deserve it.** *"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8*
3. **He tempers His wrath.** *"He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities." Psalm 103:9-10*
4. **He forgives all our sins.** *"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love...as far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:11-12*
5. **He understands our weakness.** *"As a father shows compassion to his children so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him." Psalm 103:13*
6. **He remembers we are dust.** *"For he knows our frame, he remembers we are dust." Psalm 103:14*
7. **He links us with eternity by linking us to Himself.** *"But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting..." Psalm 103:17-18*

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Psalm 103:1-18

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns
you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all
who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the
people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger
forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor
repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so
great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does
he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so
the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we
are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes
like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its
place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to
do his commandments.