Bless the Lord, O My Soul | Day 20: Psalms 97–103 Audio Bible for Praise & Compassion

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Psalm 97

1 The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice! Let the multitude of islands be glad! 2 Clouds and darkness
are around him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 3 A fire goes before him,
and burns up his adversaries on every side. 4 His lightning lights up the world. The earth sees, and
trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of
the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness. All the peoples have seen his glory. 7 Let all
them be shamed who serve engraved images, who boast in their idols. Worship him, all you gods! 8
Zion heard and was glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your judgments, LORD. 9 For
you, LORD, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods. 10 You who love the
LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of his saints. He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Be glad in the LORD, you
righteous people! Give thanks to his holy Name.

Psalm 98

1 A Psalm. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy
arm have worked salvation for him. 2 The LORD has made known his salvation. He has openly shown
his righteousness in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered his loving kindness and his
faithfulness toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises! 5 Sing
praises to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of melody. 6 With trumpets and sound
of the ram’s horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. 7 Let the sea roar with its fullness;
the world, and those who dwell therein. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing for joy
together. 9 Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world
with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

1 The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble. He sits enthroned among the cherubim. Let the earth be
moved. 2 The LORD is great in Zion. He is high above all the peoples. 3 Let them praise your great
and awesome name. He is Holy! 4 The King’s strength also loves justice. You establish equity. You
execute justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt the LORD our God. Worship at his footstool. He is
Holy! 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who call on his name.
They called on the LORD, and he answered them. 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They kept
his testimonies, the statute that he gave them. 8 You answered them, LORD our God. You are a God
who forgave them, although you took vengeance for their doings. 9 Exalt the LORD, our God. Worship
at his holy hill, for the LORD, our God, is holy!

Psalm 100

1 A Psalm of thanksgiving. Shout for joy to the LORD, all you lands! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing. 3 Know that the LORD, he is God. It is he who has made us,
and we are his. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good. His
loving kindness endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101

1 A Psalm by David. I will sing of loving kindness and justice. To you, LORD, I will sing praises. 2 I will be careful to live a blameless life. When will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a blameless heart. 3 I will set no vile thing before my eyes. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me. 4 A perverse heart will be far from me. I will have nothing to do with evil. 5 I will silence whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I won't tolerate one who is arrogant and conceited. 6 My eyes will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. He who walks in a perfect way, he will serve me. 7 He who practices deceit won't dwell within my house. He who speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes. 8 Morning by morning, I will destroy all the wicked of the land, to cut off all the workers of iniquity from the LORD's city.

Psalm 102

1 A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD. Hear my prayer, LORD! Let my cry come to you. 2 Don't hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me. Answer me quickly in the day when I call. 3 For my days consume away like smoke. My bones are burned as a torch. 4 My heart is blighted like grass, and withered, for I forget to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones stick to my skin. 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness. I have become as an owl of the waste places. 7 I watch, and have become like a sparrow that is alone on the housetop. 8 My enemies reproach me all day. Those who are mad at me use my name as a curse. 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mixed my drink with tears, 10 because of your indignation and your wrath; for you have taken me up and thrown me away. 11 My days are like a long shadow. I have withered like grass. 12 But you, LORD, will remain forever; your renown endures to all generations. 13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion, for it is time to have pity on her. Yes, the set time has come. 14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity on her dust. 15 So the nations will fear the LORD's name, all the kings of the earth your glory. 16 For the LORD has built up Zion. He has appeared in his glory. 17 He has responded to the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised their prayer. 18 This will be written for the generation to come. A people which will be created will praise the LORD, 19 for he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven, the LORD saw the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoner, to free those who are condemned to death, 21 that men may declare the LORD's name in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, 22 when the peoples are gathered together, the kingdoms, to serve the LORD. 23 He weakened my strength along the course. He shortened my days. 24 I said, "My God, don't take me away in the middle of my days. Your years are throughout all generations. 25 Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will endure. Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed. 27 But you are the same. Your years will have no end. 28 The children of your servants will continue. Their offspring will be established before you."

Psalm 103

1 By David. Praise the LORD, my soul! All that is within me, praise his holy name! 2 Praise the LORD, my soul, and don't forget all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, 5 who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The LORD executes righteous acts, and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. 9 He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. 14 For he knows how we are made. He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass. As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone. Its place remembers it no more. 17 But the LORD's loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep his covenant, to those who remember to obey his precepts. 19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens. His kingdom rules over all. 20 Praise the LORD, you angels of his, who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word, obeying the voice of his word. 21 Praise the LORD, all you armies of his, you servants of his, who do his pleasure. 22 Praise the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul!