

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

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Psalm 97

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

Psalm 98

¹A 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. ²The LORD has made known his salvation. He has openly shown his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³He 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. ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises! ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of melody. ⁶With trumpets and sound of the ram's horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷Let the sea roar with its fullness; the world, and those who dwell therein. ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing for joy together. ⁹Let 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

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

Psalm 100

¹A Psalm of thanksgiving. Shout for joy to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. ³Know 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. ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, and bless his name. ⁵For 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!