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God Given Benefits

We are all familiar with “**benefits**” when it comes to such things as insurance, employment perks, and retirement packages. There are benefits to being married or for remaining single if one so desires. The benefits are timely (temporal) and will not last. However, there are many benefits for the Child of God as we sojourn in this life.

The Holy Word of God, the Bible, is full of admonition for us to “**remember**” and to “**forget not**” when it comes to the “**Benefits**” which God provides for His children. Surely, there are many things in this sin cursed world which are worthy of casting from our memory into a sea of forgetfulness. The greatest thing NOT to be remembered is our sins which God will remember no more. Micah 7:19 says, “**he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.**” Isaiah 28:17 says, “**...for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**” That is the ultimate “**Benefit**” of His love.

One of the most remembered scriptures concerning our remembrance of God’s benefits is found in Psalm 103:2 when David reminded us to, “**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:...**” Then, in Psalms 116:12 David asked this question, “**What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?**”

Take notice of the five benefits listed in Psalm 103:3-5 and meditate upon them for peace and comfort of knowing some of the things the Lord is blessing us with. The first one is found in verse 3 where it says the LORD, “**forgiveth all thine iniquities**” (sins). Secondly, He “**healeth all thy diseases.**” Whether it will be in this life, or when we are taken home to Paradise, all of our diseases will be healed and never to return again. The third benefit is in verse 4 as He “**redeemeth thy life from destruction.**” We may be cast down but God’s Children will never be destroyed. Number 4, in the latter part of verse 4, states the Lord, “**crowneeth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;...**” This crown is not one that is corruptible, but rather it means we are showered with His kindness and His mercies due to His tender love for His children. Then in verse 5 we see the 5th

benefit mentioned. He, “**satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**” We are made to rejoice in a Saviour’s love and to be satisfied with the knowledge that Christ was a perfect sacrifice and that we will never need another.

Stop! Take a look around you and consider all the Lord has meant to you. As you meditate on this, notice the words of David in Psalm 68:19, “**Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.**” The Lord’s blessings (benefits) are too numerous to number. “**Think About It**”