

The Forgiveness of God  
Psalm 103:1-10  
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Thesis: I want to remind us the importance of understanding God's forgiveness and the blessings that come with it.

Introduction

I. God offers real forgiveness

- A. With God true repentance brings true forgiveness (**Eph 4:31-32**)
  - 1. God desires godly sorrow (**2 Cor 7:9-10**)
  - 2. When man humbles himself before God and repents, really repents, forgiveness is then given from God (**1 Jn 1:8-10**)
- B. The same is not true with mankind
  - 1. Mankind doesn't always accept man when he tries to express sorrow over mistakes.
  - 2. Mankind's forgiveness too often includes hard feelings and deep-rooted grudges.

II. Our sins & God's Memory

- A. Remembers sins no more (**Isa 43:25**)
  - 1. God holds no sins against those who repent.
  - 2. These sins are forgotten, mankind rarely forgets the transgressions a person makes against them.
- B. Blotted out (Acts 3:19), remembered no more (Heb 8:12)
  - 1. Sins that are blotted out, are sins that are erased. (**Acts 3:19**)
  - 2. God's message of remember sins no more is repeated in the N.T. (**Heb 8:12**)

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Remember the Prodigal son
  - 1. Man makes mistakes (**Lk 15:11-16**)
  - 2. When man decides to change, to repent, God is waiting to forgive (**Lk 15:17-24**)
- B. What happens after forgiveness?
  - 1. Sins are washed away (**Acts 22:16**)
  - 2. Servant of God (**Rom 6:22**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Our God is merciful ready to forgive and to pardon (**Ps 86:3-5**)
- 2. God's forgiveness is conditional; man must repent before forgiveness and pardon is granted.
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent –Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9