

Knowing Forgiveness

Psalm 103:6-22

Where do we go to find the forgiveness that we need?

Psalm 103 directs us to the One who is willing and able to forgive and restore.

God forgives according to . . .

- I. The _____ of His compassion (8-10)
 - A. God's response is one of _____.
 - B. God's response is one of _____.
- II. The _____ of His compassion (11-14)
- III. The _____ of His compassion (15-22)

Beloved followers of Jesus! Called to manifest His likeness to the world, learn that as forgiveness of your sins was one of the first things Jesus did for you, forgiveness of others is one of the first that you can do for Him. And remember that to the new heart there is a joy even sweeter than that of being forgiven; even the joy of forgiving others. The joy of being forgiven is only that of a sinner and of earth: the joy of forgiving is Christ's own joy, the joy of heaven. Oh, come and see that it is nothing less than the work that Christ Himself does, and the joy with which He Himself is satisfied that you are called to participate in. - Andrew Murray

To forgive like Thee, blessed Son of God! I take this as the law of my life. Thou who hast given the command, givest also the power. Thou who hadst love enough to forgive me, wilt also fill me with love and teach me to forgive others. Thou who didst give me the first blessings, in the joy of having my sins forgiven, wilt surely give me the second blessing, and deeper joy of forgiving others as Thou hast forgiven me. Oh, fill me with the faith in the power of Thy love in me, to make me like Thyself, to enable me to forgive the seventy times seven, and so to love and bless all around me.

O my Jesus, Thy example is my law: I must be like Thee. And Thy example is my gospel too. I can be as Thou art. Thou art at once my law and my life. What Thou demandest of me by Thy example, Thou workest in me by Thy life. I shall forgive like Thee.

Lord, only lead me deeper into my dependence on Thee, into all-sufficiency of Thy grace and the blessed keeping which comes from Thy indwelling. Then shall I believe and prove the all-prevailing power of love. I shall forgive even as Christ has forgiven me. Amen. - Andrew Murray