

Don't Ever Forget

You Have Forgiveness

- The psalmist **David** wrote this psalm.

I believe David wrote this in an **older** age – he had a higher sense of pardon, recognizing sin in a greater way than when he was young.

- * I also; to me, it is a song of **pure** praise

Psalm 103:1-2

- This psalm speaks to the **soul** and demands the **soul** to do something.

It says, **bless** the Lord, O my **soul**.

My soul is:

- My **mind**
- My **will**
- My **emotions**

- * We must realize if we don't think something is good in Church, it's usually because we didn't **enter** in.

1. Basically saying: Soul, wake up and realize how **good** God is.

David is telling us, when you speak to your soul, tell it "Don't ever **forget**"

Read verse 1-2 again:

Psalm 103:1-2

Don't ever forget what? – is the question

Answer: All God's **benefits**

Today, let's talk about the first benefit.

The first benefit:

- Who **forgives** all your **iniquities**.

Now, before you can understand this amazing forgiveness, we must know what an **iniquity** is:

There is a difference between **iniquity** and a **transgression**.

Both are **sin**.

Iniquity – is on the inside or in the **heart**.

2. Iniquity is the **motivation** and transgression is the **outward** movement or action.

Transgression – our English word for transgression is the word, **trespass**.

- * When you go **across** a property line on someone else's property, you **trespass**.

You **transgress** a property line.

3. In the same way when we sin, we transgress God's property lines or laws causing us to cross into the **enemy's** camp.

The Hebrew word for iniquity – **perverseness** and or **evil**.

Iniquity – is **passed down** from generation to generation.

It's an inward bent that we are **born** with.

4. You are born with an inward bent toward **sin**, it's in the heart that causes you to transgress in a particular area.

- An iniquity is the opposite of a **need** that only God can fulfill.

God is the only one that can be your **security**.

He is the only one that can be your **provision**.

Again:

- Iniquity is the opposite of a need that you're not **allowing** God to meet.

Inferiority is an iniquity because you're not allowing God to be your **acceptance**.

Rejection is an iniquity because you are not allowing God to **relate** to you.

I want to drill this into you:

- Iniquity is the **heart**
- Transgression is the **hand**

- Iniquity is the **attitude**
- Transgression is the **action**

Isaiah 53:5a

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions (wounded on the **outside**), He was bruised for our iniquities (bruised on the **inside**)...

5. Jesus Christ took an **outward** wound for our transgressions and He took an **inward** bruising for our inward iniquity.

I want you to think today – what inward bent do you have that you struggle with?

Don't forget – He forgives all of your **iniquities**.

If you told a lie – that is a **transgression**.

Question: What iniquity caused you to lie?

- Was it **insecurity**?
- Was it **inferiority**?
- Was it **fear**?
- Was it **pride**?

What caused you to transgress?

6. What **caused** you to lie is what needs to be dealt with and forgiven, called **iniquity** in the heart.

Here are the 3 benefits of forgiveness:

A. He removes all of our **transgressions**.

Psalm 103:10-12

* God totally **abolishes** your sins.

- The **blood** of Jesus has done this.

What does it mean He has removed our transgression?

Answer: Our sins are not put on our **account**.

Romans 4:7-8

Impute – means – not put on your **account**

2 Corinthians 5:19

- My sin is not in my file – it's **washed away**
7. Your sin is not on your account because He put it on someone else's account through Jesus' blood, my account is paid in **full**.
- Your past, present, and future sin is **paid for**

After Jesus washed us clean, He then **wrote** something down:

Romans 4:22-24

8. My file is not blank, but written on it because I am forgiven – is the word **righteous**

It's not by works, it's by His **grace** I am righteous

The second thing:

B. He remembers our sin **no more**.

This is what it means to be **forgiven** of our iniquities.

Isaiah 43:25

Why does God say, "for My own sake"?

So He can have **relationship** with you.

9. Our God is holy and cannot **commune** with sin, so He just blotted it out and will not **remember** ever it was there.

Jeremiah 31:34b

³⁴ ...For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

God chose to never **bring up** your sin and use it **against** you.

Church – you have to make the **same** choice.

Does God have all knowledge?

Answer: **Yes**

If He has all knowledge and cannot remember something, then He doesn't have all **knowledge**.

It's not that God doesn't have knowledge on my past, He **chooses** not to bring it up again.

What am I trying to tell you?

We say again – I'm not God, I can't forget or forgive!

This is what you can do!!

God does not say He forgets knowledge, He chooses not to bring it up and you can do that as well. You can live as if it **never happened**.

Satan will accuse you – Satan will bring your past up and try to convince you it's still in your **file**.

Church: your file says **righteous**. Why are you insecure, prideful?

Here is the third thing:

C. He **releases** us from all our iniquities.

What does it mean release?

Psalm 103:3a

³Who forgives all your iniquities...

Forgives – means **release**

Catch this: remember what iniquity means – an inward bent

10. You are **released** from the inward bent toward sin.

Someone says, I have a tendency towards immorality – you're **released**.

You are **forgiven** of all iniquity.