

Psalm 103

(3) HE Redeems Your Life

Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Being redeemed from the pit:

What does 103:4a declare is *one* benefit of salvation not to forget? 103:4a

First of all, what does 'the pit' mean? Ps.30:3, 55:23; Isa.38:17; Jonah 2:6; Lu.16:19-31

What is different about 'the pit' *now* versus *pre resurrection* of Christ? Eph.4:4-10; IICor.5:6-9

Is there anything else 'special' presently in hell? IIPet.2:4, Compare to Lu.16:19-31

What is the 'torment side' of the pit also called? Ps.31:14-17; Rev.20:11-15

So to be redeemed *from the pit* is to also be redeemed from what? Rev.20:13-15

What did Jesus teach about the origin of the *Lake of Fire*, the second death? Mt.25:41-46

So what is the grim reality for those in the pit? Rev.20:11-15; Mt.22:1-14; Ps.94:12-14

In the face of such judgment, what is the hope of the believer? Ps.103:1-4a, 94:14

And what does *redeem* mean? Ex.6:6; Ps.78:35; Lev.25:25; Ruth 2:20

How does redeem apply to *us* as believers today? Mt.18:23-35; Col.2:13-14; IPet.1:17-21

And forgetting not all His benefits, what are they so far? 103:3-4a

Next: More and More of His Blessings!

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The Lord's salvation results in our life being redeemed from the pit! This is very good!!

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The pit is referring in general to the grave, but in particular, the realm of the dead (lost).

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Now believers go directly to Him. Pre Resurrection went to Paradise, Abraham's bosom.

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Yes, some demons were so vile, God cast them into pits of darkness, waiting for judgment.

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It is 'the grave', Hades, Sheol, hell. A terrible place, but temporary! Hell /lost await GWT!

So to be redeemed *from the pit* is to also be redeemed from what? Rev.20:13-15

Both Death and Hades will be thrown into the Lake of Fire, which is the second death.

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Mt.25:41: The eternal fire has been prepared (made ready) for the Devil and his angels.

So what is the grim reality for those in the pit? Rev.20:11-15; Mt.22:1-14; Ps.94:12-14

Those in Death and Hades (the pit) were thrown into the Lake of Fire. Tormented forever.

In the face of such judgment, what is the hope of the believer? Ps.103:1-4a, 94:14

Our hope and faith is in the Lord, not forgetting His benefits, He redeems us from the pit!

And what does *redeem* mean? Ex.6:6; Ps.78:35; Lev.25:25; Ruth 2:20

To redeem, deliver, avenge, act as a kinsman. To buy back something /someone in debt.

How does *redeem* apply to *us* as believers today? Mt.18:23-35; Col.2:13-14; IPet.1:17-21

We all have an unpayable debt of sin, but Christ has redeemed us, paid our debt! Amen!!

And forgetting not all His benefits, what are they so far? 103:3-4a

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