

Psalm 103

(7) Any Man's Days vs The Redeemed's

13 *As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

14 *For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

15 *As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

16 *for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.*

17 *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,*

18 *to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.*

All mankind vs the Father's children (redeemed):

What's the first part of the comparison about His children? **103:13; Mt.6:9-15; Rom.1:7**

What does David declare about the Lord's steadfast love/compassion? **103:17; IIThess.2:13-16**

How did David know all this? **103:13-18; Acts 1:16, 3:18; IPet.1:19-21; IPet.1:10-12**

But why was the OT not 'clear'? **IPet.1:10-12; ICor.2:6-16; Lu.22:3-6**

What is a reason for the compassion, eternal love, He gives us? **103:14; Gen.2:7, 3:17-19**

How might this be compared to angels? **Job 38:1-7; Is.14:1-21; Rev.12:3-4; Job 1:6-7**

The psalmist now shifts to describing all mankind, with focus on the unsaved

What is the first illustration given? **103:15** Comment?? **James 4:13-17**

And the illustration? **103:15-16, 102:11; IPet.1:24-25**

Then David adds that wonderful word, 'but...the Lord...!' And what is it about? **103:17a**

And what is included in His steadfast love? **103:17b, 132:12**

And what is the more complete description of these people (versus the unsaved)? **103:17-18**

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The Lord is the Father to His children, those who fear (reverence, awe). His compassion!

What does David declare about the Lord's steadfast love/compassion? [103:17; IIThess.2:13-16](#)

It is eternal! Note the Trinity in IIThess.2:13-16. And Paul's words: 'eternal comfort...'

How did David know all this? [103:13-18; Acts 1:16, 3:18; IIPet.1:19-21; IPet.1:10-12](#)

The Holy Spirit carried them along (as they were moved along). OT = NT inspiration...

But why was the OT not 'clear'? [IPet.1:10-12; ICor.2:6-16; Lu.22:3-6](#)

God had specifically hidden the truths about Christ from Satan. They were mysteries...

What is a reason for the compassion, eternal love, He gives us? [103:14; Gen.2:7, 3:17-19](#)

He remembers that we are (formed, our frame) dust. We are not exposed to God in heaven

How might this be compared to angels? [Job 38:1-7; Is.14:1-21; Rev.12:3-4; Job 1:6-7](#)

Satan, angels are spirit beings (not dust). Fully aware of God, but rebelled. No Redeemer!

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Because we are mortal (dust), our physical life is just like a vapor. It's here and then gone!

And the illustration? [103:15-16, 102:11; IPet.1:24-25](#)

We're like grass, or the flower in the field. Wind blows and we're gone, without a trace.

Then David adds that wonderful word, 'but...the Lord...!' And what is it about? [103:17a](#)

The steadfast love of the Lord is everlasting (eternal). Contrasted to the grass...

And what is included in His steadfast love? [103:17b, 132:12](#)

He gives His righteousness to the grandchildren of those who fear Him.

And what is the more complete description of these people (versus the unsaved)? [103:17-18](#)

Those who fear Him, keep His covenant, do His commandments. Vs those who are grass!