



Sermon series: A Name Like No Other

To be used with Session 3: The Love Expressed in God's Name

Sermon Possibilities: An Immeasurable Love

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13, 17-19

Connection To Unit Theme: To compliment the Bible study “A Name Like No Other,” this sermon will emphasize God’s attribute of love. Love is who God is. Therefore, we cannot truly worship God’s name and yet be devoid of the capacity to love. God demonstrates His love for us in a variety of ways, some very simple, while others are more nuanced and layered. However, one cannot think about the Lord and not consider the ways in which He continually loves us. This love doesn’t expire or end, nor is it conditional or based upon anything we can do or give God. As we think about God’s name, we can’t help but be reminded of the warning in I John 4:8, which says, “*anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*” This is to convey that God’s inherent nature is that of love.

Introduction: How much do you love your husband or wife? How much do you love your children? How much do you love your siblings? Friends? Job? Home? Car? How much do you love your life? Each of us may give varying answers, but the reality is that all of us have a level of love for somebody or something. If someone asked us to measure our love on a scale of 1 to 10, we’d have difficulty, because we can’t conceivably quantify or place a numerical value on the love that we have in our hearts for certain people and things. As much as we may love certain people, the fact is that God’s love for us surpasses ours in so every possible way. God’s love for us is truly immeasurable. God’s love for us is so immense that it can’t even fully be explained, because it ultimately makes no logical sense. None of us have done anything to deserve it, nor are any of us capable of earning it. And yet He chooses to continually love us in spite of ourselves. As we will discover here in Psalm 103, this amazing love is God’s primary motivation behind the countless things He continues to do for us. If He didn’t love us, He wouldn’t care enough to care.

1. The Ultimate Benefit Package (Psalm 103:1-5).

One of the first questions that people ask when applying for a job is, “What kind of benefits does this job come with?” In other words, will I receive quality healthcare? Will I get paid time off after a certain period? Most people will reject a good salary if the benefits aren’t up to par. In Psalm 103, David takes the time to talk about some of the benefits that God has to offer. No one can lay claim to these types of benefits. No one can even offer these benefits.

We tend to try to connect to people that we feel benefit us. While some of them may be able to add to our lives in some way, the reality is, there is only so much that they can do. Every human's ability has an expiration date, but God's benefits never expire! God's benefits never run out. The immeasurable love He has for us never ends, nor do His grace, mercy, favor, protection, healing, deliverance, promise keeping, and so much more! Don't take these benefits for granted. Appreciate them. Above all, give God the praise for them!

2. Grace and Mercy in Perpetuity (Psalm 103:8-13).

In Psalm 103:8-13, David talks to us about another situation involving perpetuity, and that is the way in which God extends grace and mercy. His grace is endless, His mercy is everlasting, and His love has no expiration. The previous verses speak to the benefits of God, and as we continue through this text, we see those benefits are perpetual – continual and constant! That's why the Psalmist repeats all throughout Psalm 136, "*his mercy endures forever*," It never ends. He gives to us in perpetuity.

3. He Will Never Leave Us Alone (Psalm 103:17-19).

Not only does God provide the ultimate benefit package, and extend grace and mercy in perpetuity, but He has promised to never leave us alone. We have constant favor and protection. We have God's undivided attention, with 24/7 round the clock care. Many people know what it is to feel abandoned and to get lonely sometimes. But one thing about God believers never have to wonder about is His presence. From everlasting to everlasting, He is present. None of us are ever by ourselves. He is always there!

Conclusion: There's a t-shirt with an illustration of Jesus hanging on the cross, and His arms are stretched wide. The caption above the cross reads, "I love you this much." This served to illustrate to us the depth of God's love for us. The fact is that no one can quantify God's love, because it goes beyond any numerical value., but some of the things that God has done for us, continues to do for us, and has promised to do in the future give us just a glimpse into the immensity that is God's love for us. The cross is God's greatest demonstration of His immeasurable love for us.,. People may have love for us, but God loves us more. We may have love for people, but God loves us more. What we have ability to do pales in comparison to what God can do.