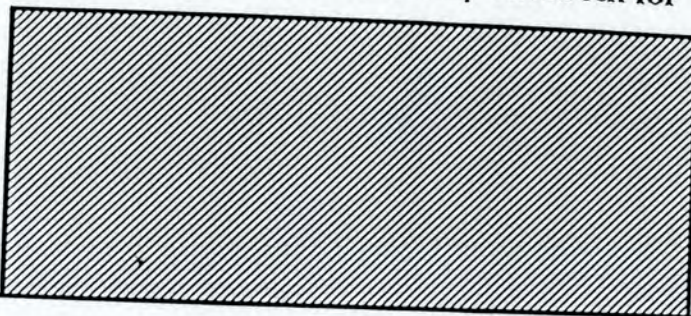


Being Thankful for God's Tender Mercies

In Psalm 103, David praises the Lord for His tender mercies. The definition of *mercy* is "undeserved kindness toward an enemy or another person in one's power." We are told in Psalm 107:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Because of God's tender mercy we are especially blessed and have the hope of spending eternity with Him.

Fill in the missing words from that verses below, then circle the blessings for which you are most thankful.



James 3:

Verse 17: But the _____ that is from above is first _____, then _____, _____, and _____ to be intreated, full of _____ and good fruits, _____ partiality, and without _____.

Psalm 103:

Verse 1: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his _____ name.

Verse 2: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____:

Verse 3: Who _____ all thine iniquities; who _____ all thy diseases;

Verse 4: Who _____ thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with _____ and _____;

Verse 5: Who _____ thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is _____ like the eagle's.

Verse 8: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to _____, and plenteous in _____.

Verse 11: For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his _____ toward them that fear him.

Verse 17: But the _____ of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his _____ unto children's children;

Verse 18: To such as _____ his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

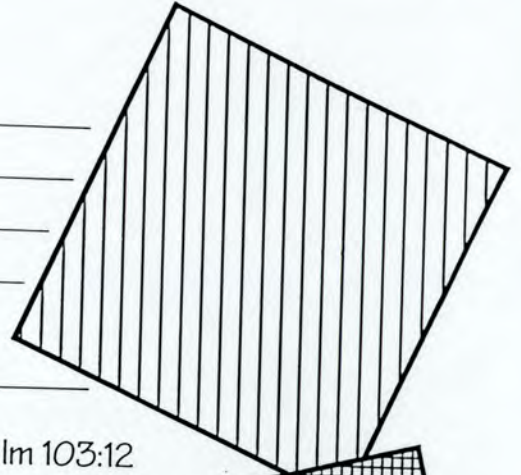
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Give Thanks First

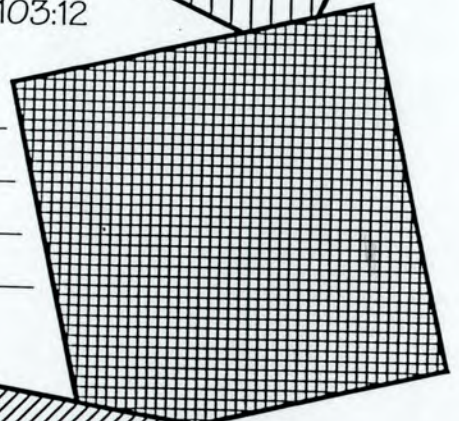
"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." — Psalm 107:1

Name six things you are thankful for:

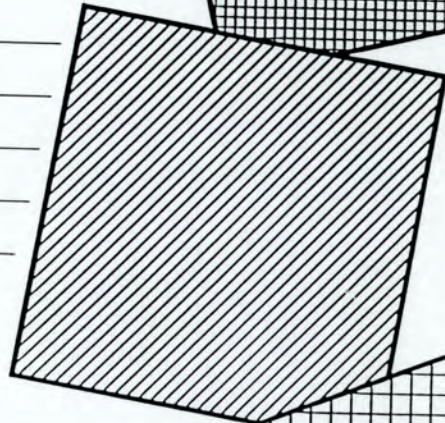
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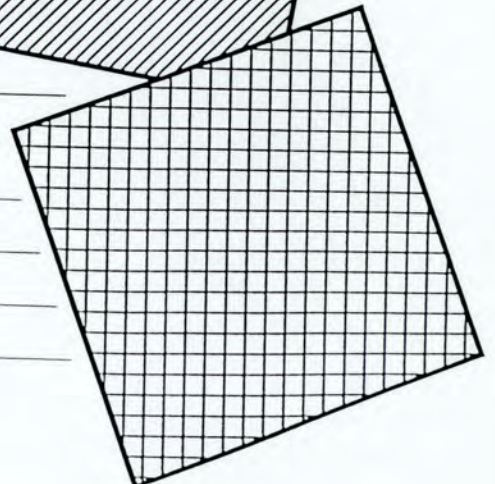
What does God do with the sins of those who repent? See Psalm 103:12



Why should this make us thankful?



How can you show your thankfulness to God?



GIVE THANKS

Look up Psalm 103

Read verses 1 - 5

What do you think it means to "bless the Lord"? _____

List several benefits you receive from God: _____

Name some good things the Lord gives you _____

Read verse 6

Have you ever been "oppressed" (troubled, teased, hated without a reason)?

Read verse 7

Write two things God did for Moses _____

Read verses 8 - 12

List two additional things to be thankful for _____

After reading this Psalm, how would you describe God to someone who didn't know Him? _____