



Outline – Sunday School, February 26, 2017

Sermon Title: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul - An Introduction”

Topic: “The Manifestation of the Mature in the Midst of Affliction”

Text: Psalms 102/103

Introduction: The *Praise* of David. Psalms 103-106

- Psalm 103-106 is a section that can be called the Doxology or Eulogy of David
- This is also modeled by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 1

Context: The *Pit* of the Righteous - The Reality of Affliction. Psalm 102

1. The cry of a son. Ps 102:1-2/Rom 8:15/Gal 4:6

- a) Faith's *application*: He went to the LORD in Prayer. Heb 11:6
- b) Right *attitude*: He came Humble. James 4:6-10
- c) Spirit of *Adoption*: He came crying out to the LORD. Rom 8:14-17/Gal 4:6

2. The crisis of the soul. Ps 102:3-11, 23-24

- a) His assessment of his situation: The reality of the threat of death - both inside and without. vs 3, 11
- b) The *analogies* used to describe it: *like.... as a....* Physically, Emotionally, Psychologically (mentally), Spiritually. vs 3-11, 23-24
- c) He's *afflicted* by God: The chastening hand of the Lord. vs 10/Heb 12:5-11
- d) The *archetype*: The sufferings of Christ. Isaiah 53:3, 5/Ps 22

3. The character of the Sovereign. Ps 102:12, 25, 27

- a) Immortal - endures forever/eternal. 1 Tim 1:17; 16:14-16
- b) Immutable - not subject to change/cannot change in any way. Heb 13:8

4. The care of His saints. Ps 102:13-22/John 1:14/Matt 16:13-18

a) The *appointed* time of Mercy and Grace (favor). vs 13-15,

b) The *appearing* of the LORD in his glory: Edify/raise up his Church. vs 16-22/John 1:14/Col 3:4/
2 Tim 1:9-10/1 John 3:2

5. The comfort (and *confidence*) of God's servant. Ps 102:26-28/John 20:28/Heb 1:10-12

Hebrews 1:10-12 describes that the God and LORD in Ps 102:25-27, is in fact the Lord Jesus Christ; who is creator, sustainer, sovereign savior and Re-Creator (changer) of all things...who is both immortal and immutable. It is in Christ that he takes his comfort.

Conclusion: The *Preservation* of the Saints (eternal life)... “*The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.*” It is out of the “soil of affliction, that the seed of faith” perseveres, by the power of God; unto the “praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7).” This is the context from which springs forth a High doxology, rooted in High theology in Psalm 103. Amen