**Forgiveness Series December 10, 2023**

**Forgiven Forgotten Forever**

**Psalm 103:1-12**

*What are the benefits that the Lord provides?*

1. Forgiving all sins

* + There is no sin so large that God   
    **will not forgive it**

2. Healing all diseases

* + To be **made whole** from all types of suffering
    - Sometimes in the near term
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    - Romans 8:23   
      And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the **redemption of our body**.

3. “Redeems your life from the pit”

* + To be **kept from death** (pit means grave)
  + To be **made whole** from all types of suffering

4. “Crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion”

* + God gives **His covenant love** to His people
  + Every aspect of life is a reflection of the compassion of God over the believer
  + Psalm 25:10   
    All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

5. “Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle”

* + Everything that is good is **provided by the Lord**
  + Isaiah 40:31   
    Yet those who wait for the Lord   
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6. He provides **relief from oppression** from those who are marginalized

7. He reveals His **nature and character** to us

* + “To Moses” – he wrote it down for us
  + Compassionate – sees the need and provides
  + Gracious – giving what is not deserved
  + Slow to anger – patient
  + Abounding in lovingkindness – God’s love is endless

8. He has not **punished us for our sins**

* + Instead, He gives His love to those who love have (fear) reverence, awe, and respect for Him
  + Our sins are separated from us as far as “the east is from the west”

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