

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Psalm 103:17-22*

Title: *A Hymn of Praise to God: Part IV* ,

Central Truth: David reminds us to demonstrate our salvation by obedient living while calling us to a climax of praise to God!

I. The Relentless (vv. 17-18)

David describes the infinite, eternal grace and mercy of God.

v. 17a: In the very first word of this verse, **but**, David highlights the huge contrast between man's temporary life (*cf. Psalms 103: 15-16*) and God's everlasting grace. KJV - **mercy**, NASB - **loving-kindness**, NIV - **love**, (Hebrew-*hesed*-it can be translated as loyal, steadfast love, or unfailing love. This word was used in the Old Testament to refer to God's special covenant relationship with Israel, His chosen people.

v. 18: Keep - to guard, to observe. This word conveys the idea of exercising great care and attention to something!

II. The Ruler (v. 19)

David emphasizes God's power and sovereignty.

He reigns and rules over all! Literally rules over **the** all. This definite article makes it mean all the created universe! It includes everything without exception.

III. The Request (vv. 20-22)

David calls on all creation to respond in worship and praise to God.

There is a four fold progression:

- v. 20:** KJV & NASB - **bless**, NIV-**praise** - Hebrew-*barak*) The root means to kneel. It is a command! (*cf. Psalms 103:1*) **the angels** - These are God's specially prepared celestial servants.
- v. 21:** KJV & NASB - **hosts**, NIV - **heavenly hosts** - literally refers to a huge mass or assembly. This includes all the different ranks, files and orders of God's angels.
- v. 22a:** **The earth and all that God has created.**
- v. 22b:** **David's personal praise!**