

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Psalm 103:13-16*

**Title:** *A Hymn of Praise to God: Part III*

**Central Truth:** David reminds us that our Heavenly Father deeply loves us and knows us more intimately than any other because He made us!

### I. The Responsive (v. 13)

*David uses the intimacy of family to express God's love and mercy.*

v. 13a: **A Human Father** - KJV - **pitieeth**, NASB & NIV - **has compassion on** (Hebrew-*racham*) This is a deep love usually of a superior for an inferior (cf. *Psalms 103: 4, 8*).

v. 13b: **Our Heavenly Father** - Just as a human father loves his own flesh and blood children, God has a special love and responsiveness to His spiritual children.

### II. The Rememberer (v. 14)

*This takes us back to the Genesis account of creation.*

v. 14a: KJV - **knoweth** - This word speaks of intimate knowledge. KJV - **our frame**, NIV - **how we are made** (Hebrew-*yasar*) To form, to fashion, to make (cf. *Genesis 2:7*). In reference to human beings, it refers to a potter (cf. *Jeremiah 18*). KJV, NASB, NIV - **dust** (Hebrew-*aphar*) dust, earth, dirt.

### III. The Regression (vv. 15-16)

*David further expands on our human weaknesses as dust by using a very common Biblical analogy.*

As human beings we are like grass and flowers which spring up and grow, yet their life spans are so short. They die and disappear as if they had never been there at all! This is exactly the way we are as human beings.

## Applications:

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