

Introduction: It is one of those ongoing issues which believers face; the joy & vitality of our new life in Christ loses its luster and at times is pushed aside in the routine of life. God purposes that as we daily praise & lift Him up, we build longing, pleasure and joy in him—this we so need!

I. Praise Him because He is willing to reveal himself to us.

David's Psalm applies the revelation God made to Moses in Exodus 34

A. Love vss. 8 & 11 so great is his covenant favor—disposition of good

His love is on a different plane Isaiah 55:9 “my ways, thots. higher”

B. Compassionate vs.8 , 11

Parental tenderness vss. 13-14

C. Gracious—having favor vs. 8, 10 not as our sins deserve

Romans 6:23 wage/payment for sin is death

Ephesians 2:5-8 while dead in sin..by grace you are saved, not of self

D. Slow to anger—not hot-tempered, capricious vs. 8

II. Praise Him who is on our side—who vindicates. V.6

He is concerned about all that oppresses us

Thus, we must drop our “getting even” Romans 12:19

There is a coming end to all oppression Matthew 5:10

III. Praise Him whose stance toward us is ongoing forgiveness. Vs. 10, 12

Instead of pursuing us... v. 10, 12, 13

He withholds what our sin deserves -- he already exacted it on Jesus

Isaiah 53:5-6, 10

The connection: God has given us the capacity to see & know Him through sustained daily faith. We are opened up to greatness—thus, we praise.

How do we sustain this and keep it moving us forward? He calls us to make time for Him, make room in our thought life. In our daily moments let Him catch our attention. **Purpose to start each day with him.** Ask Him to help you keep it fresh, for new ways to see Him. Ask for help to discipline your time with Him—shorten all the other stuff: TV, media, busy work, chat, etc.

Let's pray for a culture of sharing His richness & joy, develop more at FBC.

Have you received Christ's forgiveness, do you have His new life now?

The Lord works righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ **He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ **He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

¹³ **As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

¹⁴ **For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.**