

BLESSING THE LORD FOR HOW HE FEELS ABOUT US PSALM 103:13-18

I. A PARENTAL COMPARISON IS MADE TO ILLUSTRATE HOW THE LORD FEELS ABOUT HIS OWN (103:13)

- A. Parental Love Is Instinctive & Spontaneous
- B. Parental Love Is Particularly Appropriate For This Comparison In The Paternal Realm
 - 1. Consider God's Paternal Heart For Ephraim (Jer. 31:18-20; Hosea 11)
 - 2. Consider The Sacrificial Implications Of God's Paternal Heart

II. THE LORD FEELS THE WAY HE DOES ABOUT US BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HOW HE MADE US (103:14-16)

- A. He Remembers That We Are But Dust (103:14)
- B. He Knows That We Are Here One Day & Gone The Next (103:15-16)
 - 1. Man Compared To Vegetation (103:15)
 - 2. Man Compared To Things Forgotten (103:16)

III. IN CONTRAST TO THE BREVITY OF HUMAN LIFE IS THE ETERNAL DURATION OF GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS (103:17-18)

- A. It Extends To Succeeding Generations (103:17)
- B. It Extends To Those Who Meet A Specific Qualification (103:18)