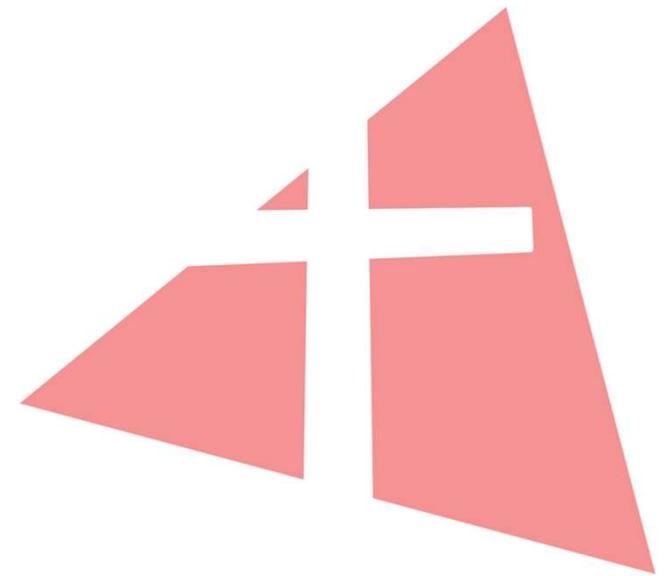


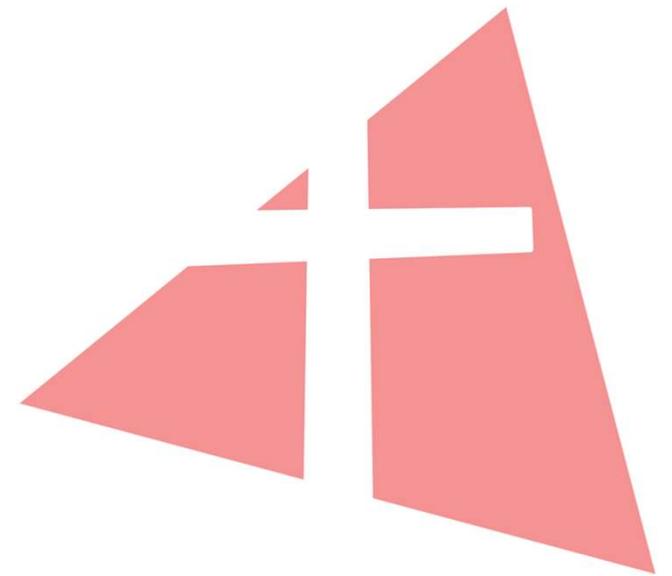
# Bless the Lord

July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021



# Living in this world

- **This earth is not heaven**
- **This earth is not hell**
- **Every Christian has a choice**
  - Complain about the things that are not right
  - Be thankful for what is already available to us as Christians

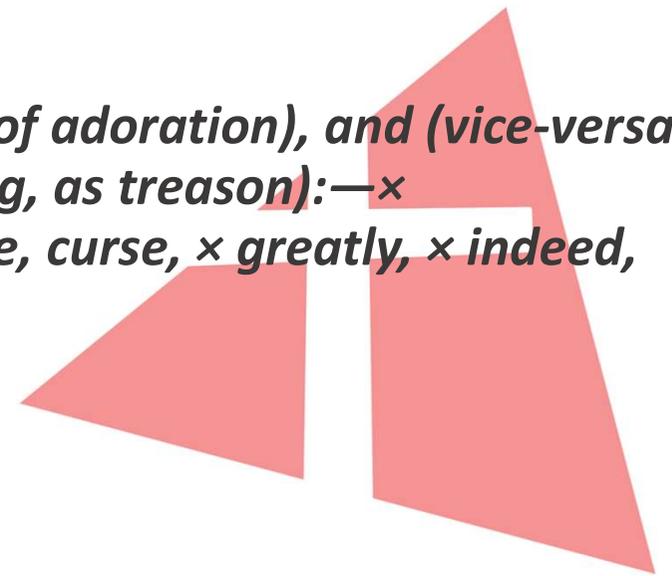


# Bless the Lord

*Psalm 103:1-2 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

*בָּרַךְ bâarak, baw-rak'*

*a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit); also (by euphemism) to curse (God or the king, as treason):—× abundantly, × altogether, × at all, blaspheme, bless, congratulate, curse, × greatly, × indeed, kneel (down), praise, salute, × still, thank.*



# Things to bless God for

*Psalm 103:3-5 Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*



# Justice

*Psalm 103:6-7 The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.*



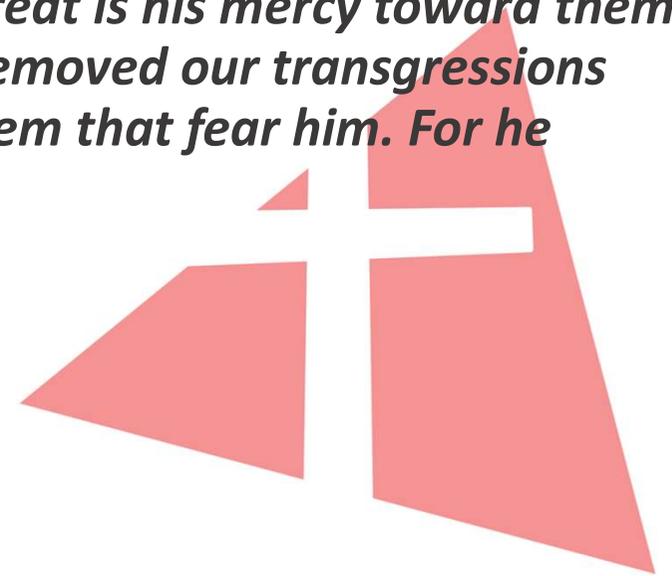
# God's Character

*Psalm 103:8-10 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.*



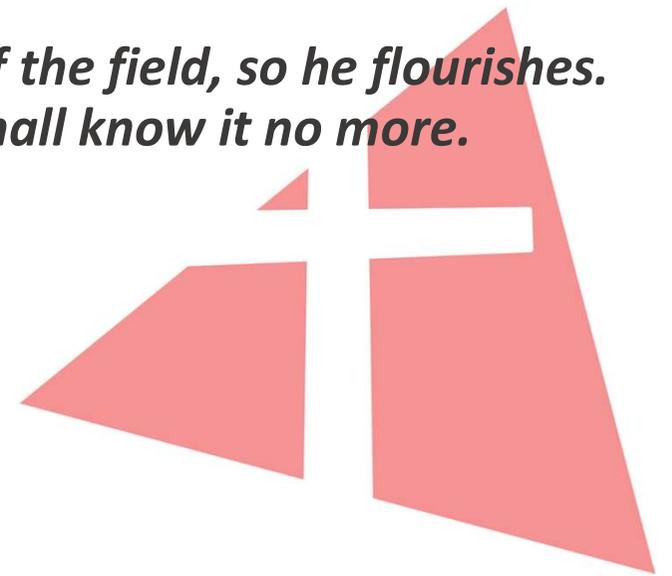
# God's Character

*Psalm 103:11-14 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*



# Who we are

*Psalm 103:15-16 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place there shall know it no more.*



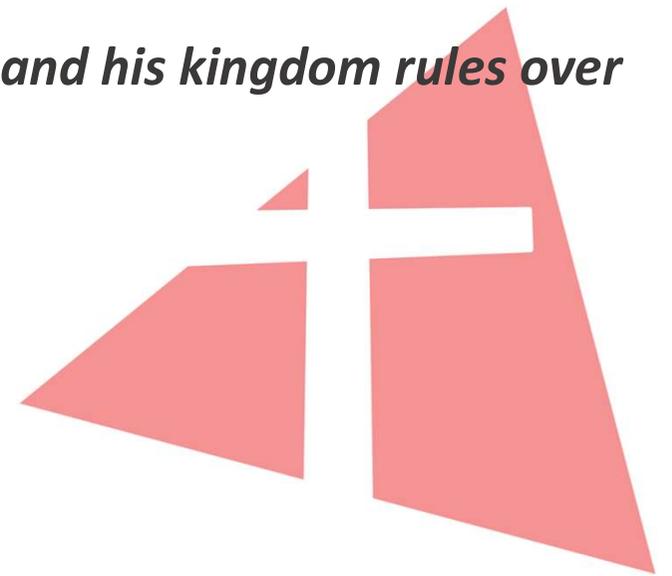
# God's Mercy

*Psalm 103:17-18 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.*



# God's Greatness

*Psalm 103:19 The LORD has prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.*



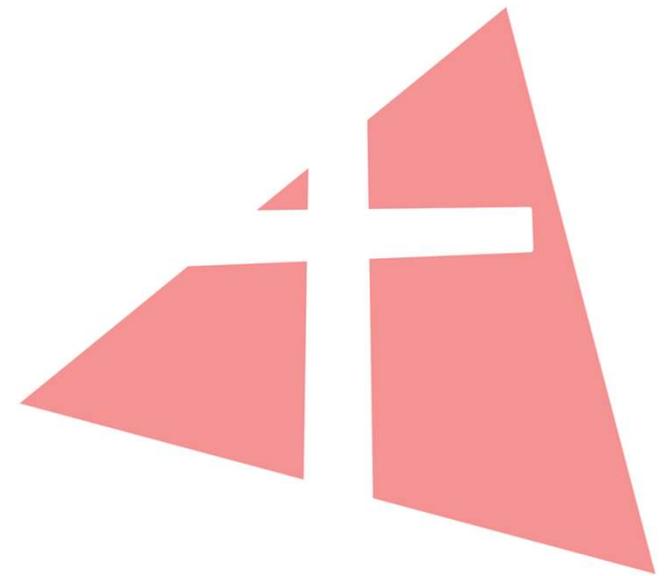
# Blessing God together

*Psalm 103:20-22 Bless the LORD, you his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless you the LORD, all you his hosts; you ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.*



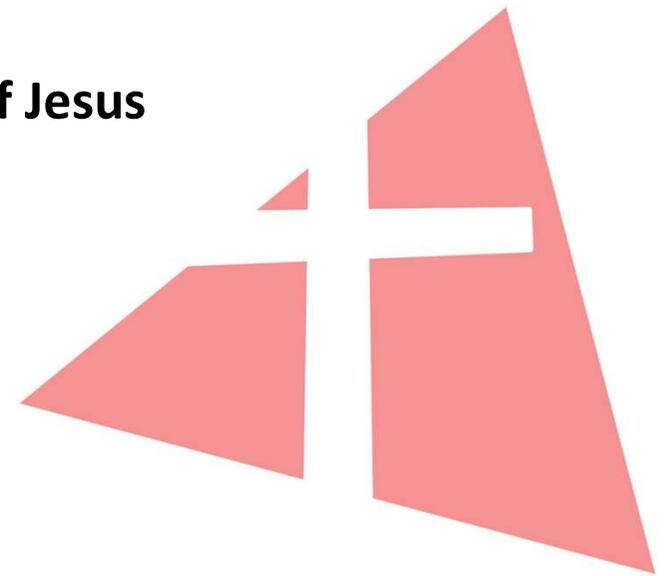
# David's Message

- Don't look at the "negative things of this world"
- Look on God's blessings instead



# Peter walking on water

- Peter started sinking when he focused on the waves instead of Jesus



# In Conclusion

- Days like today should remind us to look at the mercy and grace from God that is already available to us today

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