Wilderness/Promise #4 Pastor Kelvin Kauffeldt

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**An Essential Discipleship Practice:**

*For enduring the wilderness and thriving on the other side*

(Psalm 103)

Wherever you find yourself – in the wilderness, on the way out of the wilderness or living in the promises of God, engaging in this essential discipleship practice will prove helpful. *“Psalm 103 is suited for all ages, appropriate for all persons and applicable to all conditions.”* Dennis Tucker Jr*.*

**1. Praise the LORD and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not ALL his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**(vs. 1-2)

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not ALL HIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Our praise needs to be both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Our praise needs to be rooted in the fact that he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf.1 Sam. 2:22, Rev. 4:8)
* And In our praise we must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not ALL his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Lam. 3:22-23, Jos. 4)

**2. Recalling the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God personally helps \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wholehearted praise** (vs. 3-5)

5 promises David recalls:

* Vs. 3 - God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ALL your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3) (cf. Rom. 3:23, Eph. 2:3, 1 John 1:9)

And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Isa. 53:5, 1 Pt. 2:24, Rev. 21:4)

* Vs. 4 - He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Vs. 5 – He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles (cf. Isa. 40:27-31)

**3. Recalling the promises of God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deepens our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and understanding of his character** (vs.6-19)

* Vs. 6 - He works out what is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the oppressed.
* Vs. 7 - He reveals himself to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Vs. 8 – He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, abounding in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Ex.34: 6)
* Vs. 9 – He will **not** always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, nor will he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forever
* Vs. 10 – He does **not** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_us as our sins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us according to our iniquities

The rationale for His all-encompassing love, forgiveness, and compassion is rooted in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:16, “*God is love”*) and his divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)

An indication that we have the right understanding of his all-encompassing love is that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him (vs. 11, 13, 17).

“Grace is unmerited, but it should provoke a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recipient” (vs. 20-22) – Dennis Tucker Jr.

***Praise the LORD and forget not ALL his benefits!***