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What's Not to Love?

In this series we are learning how to love God back for who He is and how He fills our lives with so many favors, the greatest being His unconditional love and forgiveness in Christ.

Titus 3:3-5; Romans 12:1

One person who loved to worship God and love Him back was David, the shepherd boy who became king of Israel. In Psalm 103 his heart overflows with gratitude for all the favors God has filled his life with.

Psalm 103:1-19

David's heart overflowed with thanksgiving and praise as He meditated on all God had done for Him. He declares not only what God has done but who He is.

Psalm 103:8 – "The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."

He is so full of praise and thanksgiving, he even commands angels and heavenly hosts to join him in worshipping the Lord.

Psalm 103:20-22

David's worship was more than words. His great gratitude included unhindered dancing with all his might and unreserved giving for the construction of a temple for His God that David, himself, would not even see or use.

2 Samuel 6:12-15; 2 Samuel 6:17-19; 1 Chronicles 22:5; 1 Chronicles 22:14; 1 Chronicles 29:6-8; 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

Despite his failing and sins, David was a "man after God's own heart" because he loved God back with everything he had. That love came from experiencing all of God's amazing attributes personally. He knew who God really was and loved everything about Him!

1) David knew and loved God for being his Rock and Refuge.

Psalm 18:1-3; Psalm 18:28-31

2) David knew and loved God for being his faithful Shepherd and Provider.

Psalm 23

3) David knew and loved God for being his Comforter and Deliverer.

Psalm 34:1-10; Psalm 34:17-19 – "The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time."

4) David knew and loved God for being a Great God!

Psalm 145:1-6

When you read what David felt and see how God is doing the same things in your life, you want to respond like David did... uninhibited worship and unreserved giving of yourself to God. As you do, you become like David, a worshiper after God's own heart! What's not to love about God? Nothing!!!! What is God worth? Everything!!!!

Psalm 103:1a – "Let all that I am, praise the Lord."

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Psalm 103 out loud together, then have everyone share 3 things they love about God. Next, talk about what you focus on and how it can control your feelings, actions and attitudes. What will you need to change about your focus?
2. Study the Scriptures about David the dancer and extravagant giver. What can we learn from him about loving God back? When you worship, are you afraid of what people think?
3. Share how you've experienced God as your Rock, Shepherd, Provider or Comforter. Take time to worship Him for being your Great God.