

Nine Ways God Loves Us

**Text: Psalm
103:8–12**

- **Theme:** The Character and Greatness of God's Love
- **Purpose:** To understand the nine ways God demonstrates His love toward us and how we should respond to His mercy, grace, forgiveness, and steadfast love.



Psalm 103 is a song of praise in which David reminds himself of God's goodness and calls God's people to remember His benefits.

The Scripture presents a picture of God who is compassionate, gracious, patient, faithful, and willing to forgive. These verses teach us that God's love is not shallow or temporary; it flows from His unchanging character.

1. God Loves Us with Mercy

*Psalm 103:8a —
“The LORD is
merciful and
gracious...”*

- **Commentary:**
- God sees our weaknesses and responds with compassion.
- God does not treat us as our sins deserve.
- God's mercy invites us to return to Him when we fail.
- **Application:** When we fall short, we should run to God rather than hide from Him.

2. God Loves Us with Grace

*Psalm 103:8b
...”and
abounding in
steadfast love.”*

- **Commentary:**
- His grace provides what we cannot provide for ourselves. Through Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, salvation, and reconciliation to those who put their faith in Him.
- **Application:** Stop trying to earn God's acceptance. Receive His grace with gratitude and let His goodness motivate you to live a life that honors Him.

3. God Loves Us with Patience

Psalm 103:8b
*“...slow to
anger...”*

- **Commentary:**
- God's patience should never be mistaken for approval of sin. Rather, His patience demonstrates His desire that we turn away from sin and walk in His ways.
- **Application:** Thank God for His patience with you. When others disappoint or frustrate you, extend to them some of the patience God has shown you.

4. God Loves Us with Abounding Steadfast Love

Psalm 103:8c "... and abounding in steadfast love."

- **Commentary:**

- Human love can change with circumstances, emotions, and disappointments. God's steadfast love reflects His faithfulness to His character.
- **Application:** When life becomes uncertain, remember that your circumstances may change, but God remains faithful. Let His steadfast love strengthen your faith.

5. God Loves Us by Not Contending with Us Forever

Psalm 103:9a *“He
will not always
chide...”*

- **Commentary:**
- God's correction can help us recognize our wrongdoing, turn back to Him, and grow in righteousness. His loving discipline is different from rejection.
- **Application:** When God reveals an area of sin in your life, respond with repentance rather than resistance. Trust that His desire is to lead you toward restoration.

6. God Loves Us by Not Keeping His Anger Forever

*Psalm 103:9b “nor
will he keep his
anger forever.”*

- **Commentary:**
- God's anger is not the uncontrolled resentment we sometimes see in human relationships.
- **Application:** Do not mistake God's correction for abandonment. Confess your sins, trust His forgiveness, and continue growing in your relationship with Him.

7. God Loves Us by Not Treating Us as Our Sins Deserve

Psalm 103:10 “He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.”

- **Commentary:**
- The ultimate expression of this mercy is found in Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, God provides the way for sinners to be forgiven and reconciled to Him. God's forgiveness does not necessarily remove every earthly consequence of our choices, but it gives us hope and a restored relationship with Him.
- **Application:** Never take God's mercy for granted. Let His forgiveness produce humility, gratitude, and a sincere desire to obey Him.

8. God Loves Us with Steadfast Love

Psalm 103:11

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.”

- **Commentary:**
- God's love is greater than our fears, our limitations, and the difficulties we encounter in life.
- **Application:** When you feel overwhelmed by your problems, remember that God's steadfast love is greater than you can measure. Trust His character even when you cannot understand your circumstances.

9. God Loves Us by Removing Our Sins Far Away

Psalm 103:12

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

- **Commentary:** The distance between east and west represents a separation beyond human measurement.
- His forgiveness makes restoration possible and allows us to walk in newness of life.
- **Application:** Confess your sins honestly, receive God's forgiveness, and refuse to let forgiven failures define your identity. Walk forward in gratitude for His grace.

God's love is greater than our failures

- Psalm 103:8–12 teaches us that God's love is revealed through His mercy, grace, patience, steadfast faithfulness, and forgiveness.
- **The central message is this: God's love is greater than our failures, His mercy is greater than our guilt, and His forgiveness provides hope beyond our past.**

**A King's
Conclusion:
Psalms
139:17-18
Measuring
God's
Thoughts**

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

1 tbsp = 10 thousand grains of sand

1 c = 2 million

Beach Bucket = 100 Billion

1 sq ft = 7 Quintillion, 500 Quadrillion

One Thought A Day = 221 Billion Years

How Big Is 29% Of The Earth?

Total surface area of Earth

510 million km²

Land area (approximately 29%)

148 million km²

Ocean area (approximately 71%)

362 million km²

How can you picture that?

148 million km² is about 57 million square miles which represents the entire land surface of the world.