

Psalm 103

4. ⁷His ways and his commandements,⁵⁴
to Moses he did show,
His counsels and his valiant acts
the Israelites did know.
⁸The Lord is kind and merciful,
when sinners do him grieve:
The slowest to conceive a wrath,
and readiest to forgive.
5. ⁹He chideth not us continually,
though we be full of strife:
Nor keepeth our faults in memory,
for all our sinful life.
¹⁰Nor yet according to our sins
the Lord doth us regard:
Nor after our iniquities
he doth not us reward.
6. ¹¹But as the space is wondrous great,
twixt earth and heaven above:
So is his goodness much more large
to them that do him love.
¹²God doth remove our sins from us
and our offenses all:
As far as is the sun rising,
full distant from his fall.
7. ¹³And look what pity parents dear,
unto their children bear:
Like pity beareth the Lord to such,
as worship him in fear.
¹⁴The Lord that made us, knoweth our shape,
our mould and fashion just,
How weak and frail our nature is,
and how we be but dust.
8. ¹⁵And how the time of mortal men
is like the withering hay:
Or like the flower right fair in field,
that fadeth full soon away.
¹⁶Whose gloss and beauty stormy winds,
do utterly disgrace:
And make that after their assaults
such blossoms have no place.
9. ¹⁷But yet the goodness of the Lord,
with his shall ever stand:
Their children's children do receive
his righteousness at hand.
¹⁸I mean, which keep his covenant
with all their whole desire:
And not forget to do the thing,
that he doth them require.
10. ¹⁹The heavens high are made the seat
and footstool of the Lord:
And by his power imperial
he governeth all the world.
²⁰Ye angels which are great in power,
praise ye, and bless the Lord:
Which to obey and do his will,
immediately accord.
11. ²¹Ye noble host and ministers,
cease not to laud him still:
Which ready are to execute
his pleasure and his will.
²²Ye all his works in every place,
praise ye his holy name:
Mine heart, my mind, and eke my soul
praise ye also the same.

⁵⁴ Commandments.