

The Gathering

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday

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Choose God's Forgiveness

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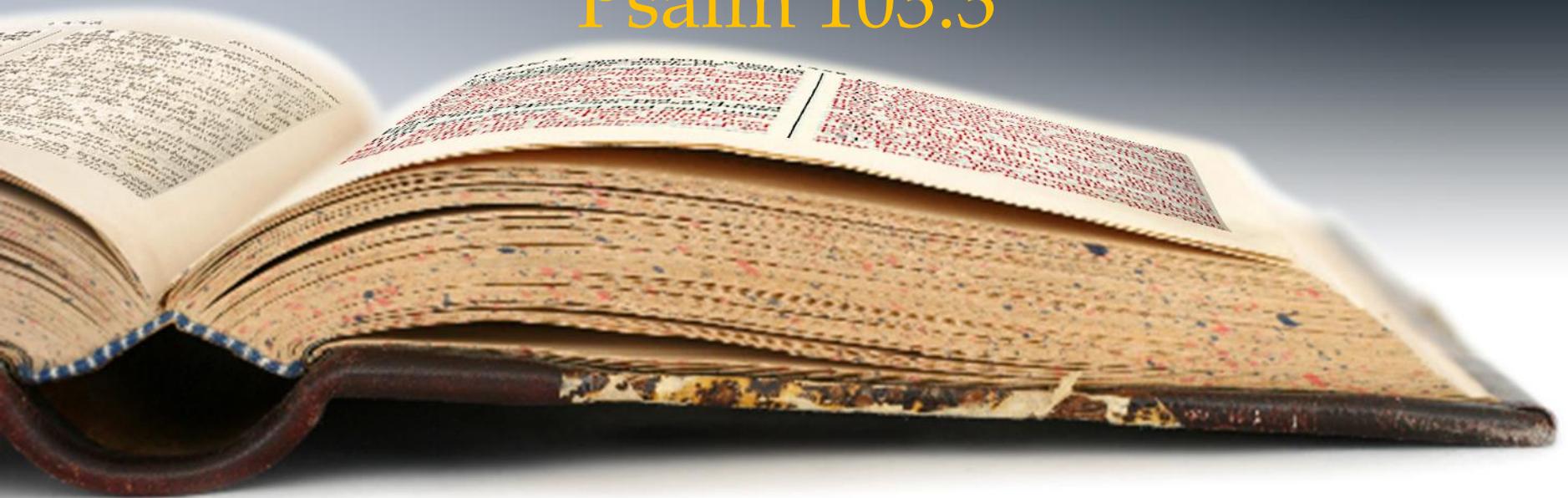


Psalm 103:1-12
The Message Bible



He forgives your sins – every one.
He heals your diseases – every one.
He redeems you from hell – saves your
life. He crowns you with love and
mercy – a paradise crown.

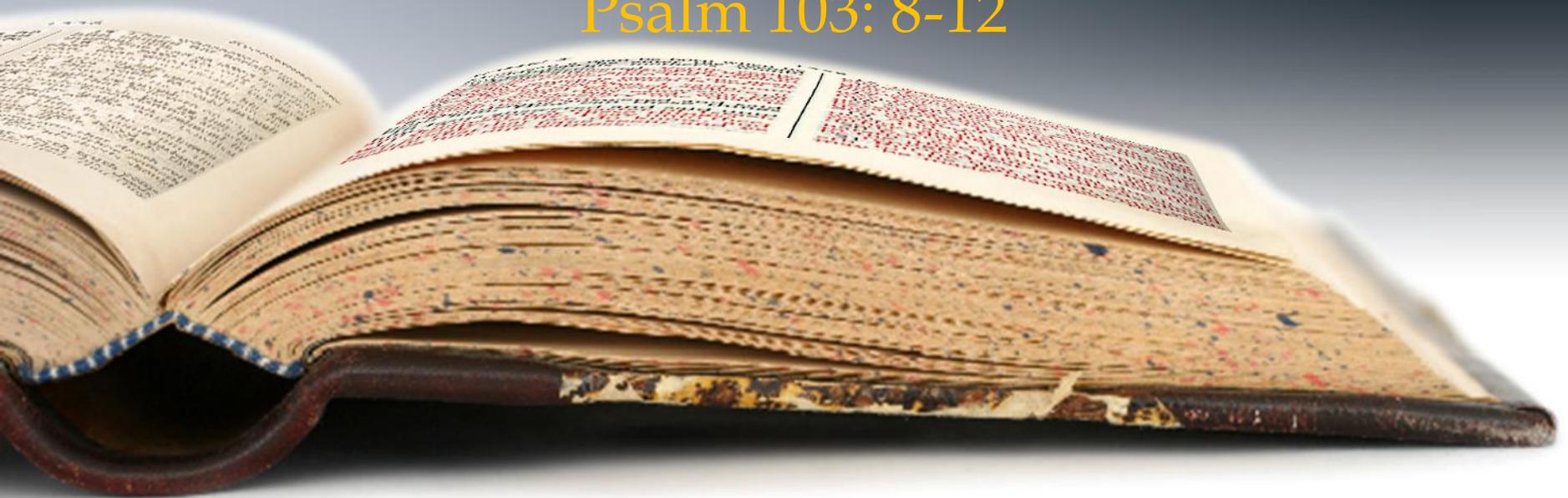
Psalm 103:3



God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love. He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor does he hold grudges forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him.

As far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins.

Psalm 103: 8-12



Choose God's Forgiveness!



All sin is hamartia or
“missing the mark”.
It is failure to live up to God’s
expectations of our lives.



Psalm 51:4



If we cherish sin in our hearts,
God won't listen to our prayers.

Psalm 66:18



Hebrews 9:22



If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us and purify us
from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9



Confession is acknowledging
your sin; it is agreeing with
what God says about your sin.



No matter what you have done,
it does not define who you are.



The word “repentance” in the Greek is “metanoia” which means “a change of mind.”



“Why are you feeling so guilty”?



Discussion:

Why do you struggle to choose
God's forgiveness?

What is standing in the way of
your freedom?



It is for freedom that Christ
has set us free. Stand firm then
and do not be burdened again
by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1



We struggle to accept and receive God's forgiveness because we either don't know or believe his word.



“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32



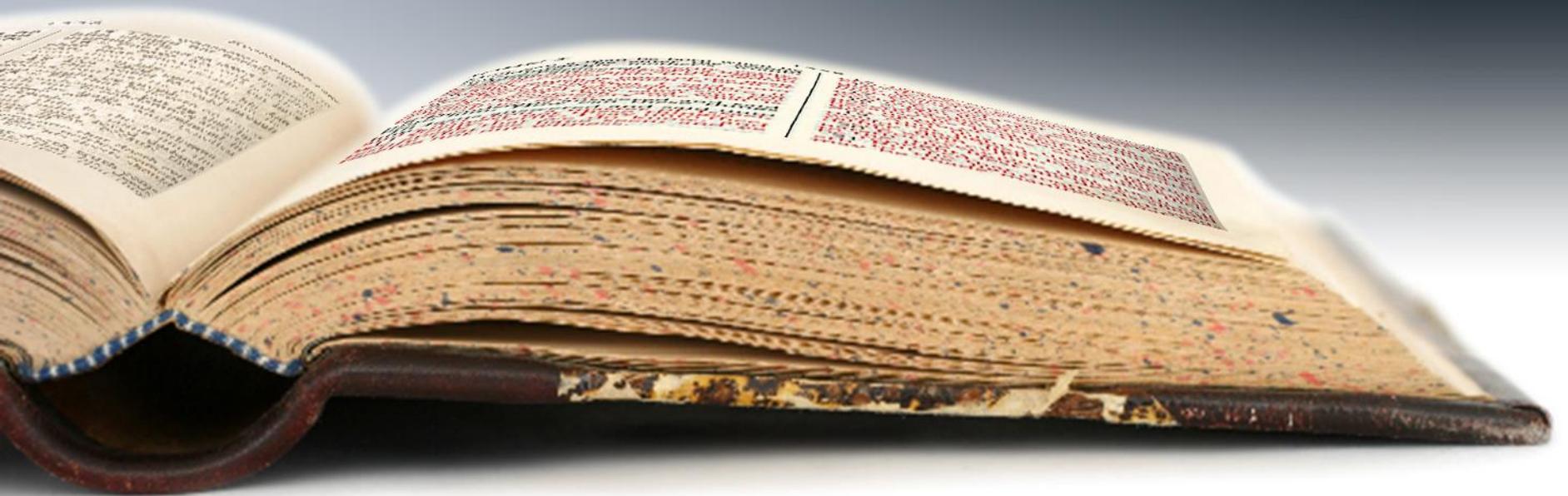
A Relentlessly Forgiving God!



The word “relentless” means
“unyielding.”



Psalm 78:37 – 39a



The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and
Gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in
love and faithfulness, maintaining love to
thousands, and forgiving wickedness,
rebellion and sin.

Exodus 34:6-7a



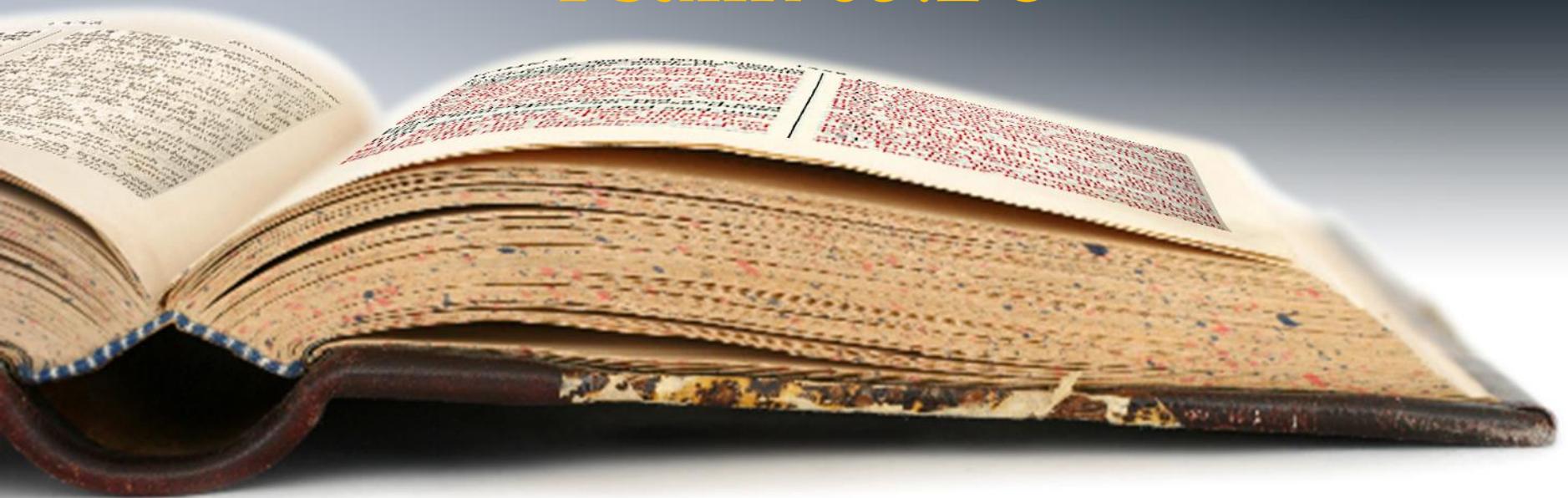
Jesus was the lamb of God
who was slain before the
foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8



We all arrive at your doorstep
sooner or later, loaded with guilt,
our sins too much for us — but you
get rid of them once and for all.

Psalm 65:2-3



Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities in the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19



You have put all my sins
behind your back.

Isaiah 38:17



I, even I, am he who blots out your
transgressions for my own sake and
remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43:25



I have swept away your offenses
like a cloud, your sins like the
morning mist. Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22



I will forgive their sins and
remember them no more.

Jeremiah 31:34



Discussion:

What is so amazing to you
about forgiveness?

