

My Dear Loved Ones:

In Psalm 103:17, God says, “But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting, / On those who fear Him, / And His righteousness to children’s children.”

Mary quotes this verse in Luke 1:50 when she breaks into praise and poetry of the Lord Who has chosen her to bear the Messiah. This verse also links in Psalm 90, which we’ve studied before, when it mentions “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalm 90:2).

This verse is talking about eternal life, eternal grace: eternal salvation.

God’s saving, eternal mercy does not just last this life. This life is very temporary; life with the Lord will be throughout all eternity. That should put some things in perspective as to what we should be living for. Paul tells us not to labor for the things that are seen, for they are temporary; but labor for the things that are unseen, which are eternal. God also instructs us to set our affections on things above and not on things of this earth (Col 3:1). God will do the right thing and meet all of His obligations and responsibilities in a faithful way to not only us who trust Him for eternal life, but He will also do right for our children and their children. What a wonderful Lord Who is faithful long after our generation.

Notice the requirement for those who receive this mercy from God. We must be people who take Him seriously (fear). Fearing God is living in the reality that God is very present, and taking Him seriously; it is factoring Him into the situations of life.

This is a great promise in this verse, loved ones. Promises of God for eternal life for us and our children as well as God’s faithfulness to our grandchildren in this life. But do we live as if God is always present? Do we live factoring Him into every situation? Or do we live practically like an atheist? Atheists go through life without factoring God into much of their lives throughout the day. Are you this way? You may factor God in on Sundays and Wednesday nights, but what about all of the other times? Some Christians live their lives like atheists: as if God doesn’t exist. How about you? If you factor God in, then we should be greatly rejoicing and confident of our future in this life and the life to come.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.