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Psalms 102-103

***Psalms 102:1–28** The non-specific superscription is unique to this psalm which highlights *the thoughts of one who is afflicted* (cf. Pss. 22, 69, 79, 102, 130, 142), perhaps expressing exilic lament (cf. Pss. 42, 43, 74, 79, 137). Like Job, whose troubles were not the result of God’s judgment for personal sin, the psalmist cries out in pain. His only relief comes from refocusing on sovereign God and His eternal purposes. *Messianic overtones are present as Heb. 1:10–12 quotes Ps. 102:25, 26.*

I. A Plea for Immediate Divine Help (102:1–11)

II. A Perspective of God’s Sovereignty and Eternality (102:12–22)

III. A Prayer for Longer Life (102:23–28)

***Psalms 103:1–22** Psalms 103 and 104 appear as an intentional pair designed to promote the blessing and exaltation of God. *This psalm represents a soliloquy in which David surveys God’s goodness and encourages the angels and the works of God’s creation to join him in divine praise.*

I. A Call for Human Praise (103:1–19)

A. Personally (103:1–5)

B. Corporately (103:6–19)

II. A Call for Creation’s Praise (103:20–22b)

A. Angels (103:20–21)

B. Works of Creation (103:22a-b)

III. A Refrain of Personal Praise (103:22c)

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