



# Before the THRONE

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Psalm 103:2

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.” Psalm 103:2

Many perspective employees accept new jobs, not so much for the salary as they do for the offered benefits. Health plans, retirement plans, paid vacation time, child care, recreation facilities, as well as the amenities or the climate of the community where their new employer is located often sway their decisions to go to work for an employer. Schools, low crime, cost of housing, commute times and the amount of sunshine and recreational opportunities in the new location make a great difference to a perspective employee.

At Passover, during the Haggada, a song is sung entitled, “Dayenu – It would have been enough.” The thought is this – “Had God done nothing but save us from the land of Egypt; for that alone we should have been grateful.” And each successive verse continues with thankfulness for the Torah, for the prophets, etc. And so it is for today’s believer. Dayenu – It would have been enough...but God has provide so very much more for us! Such benefits alone would entice the world to the goodness of God – if only the Church would live them out!

“Who forgives all my iniquity. Who heals all my diseases (Psalm 103:3). All your sin forgiven! All your sickness and disease healed! What is that worth in medical bills and psychiatric visits alone?!

“Who redeems my life from destruction, who crowns me with lovingkindness and tender mercies.” (Psalm 103:4). His covenant faithfulness protects me in all that I do and blesses me everywhere I go.

“Who satisfies my mouth with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagles.” (Psalm 103:5). The heart satisfied is priceless, “As my days are so shall be my strength.” (Deuteronomy 33:25).

Such blessings! Such benefits! Forget neither the benefits nor the goodness of our God!

Dayenu!

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