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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for August 7th)  
**SONGS OF THANKFULNESS**  
Psalms 92; 103; 136.

Golden Text—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. —Psa. 92:1

The Lesson as a Whole  
Approach to the Lesson  
One of the sins charged against the false professors of the last days is that of unthankfulness (2 Tim. 3:2). Those who know the Lord in reality are exhorted to abound in thanksgiving (Col. 2:7). Gratitude to God for His loving care and His unfailing mercy is one of the evidences of the new life received by faith in Christ. He who enjoys the loving-kindness of the Lord will find his own heart going out to the giver of all good things in thankfulness, as he meditates on all God's wondrous mercies.

Many of the Psalms are expressions of thankfulness and show us how truly saints in an older era recognized their indebtedness to the Lord, not only for spiritual blessings, but for the many temporal blessings so constantly showered upon them. He who has created us for His glory and saved us by His grace delights to give us daily evidences of His Fatherly love and care. We are prone to forget our constant dependence upon Him and to receive these daily benefits without acknowledging their source and remembering that every good and perfect gift cometh down from above, from Him "with whom is no variableness" nor shadow cast by turning (Jas. 1:17). Having not withheld His own Son, "how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

Surely, in view of all this, our hearts might well cry out in glad response, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). And contemplating the marvelous providential care of our Father in Heaven, we should surely give thanks always for all things (Eph. 5:20). These Psalms will furnish us with suitable words with which to express the gratitude that wells up in our hearts.

The Historical Setting  
Psalm 92 is designated a Psalm to be sung on the Sabbath Day. This is part of the Hebrew text. So it tells us that on the Sabbath the devout in Israel praised God with joyful song, as an expression of their thankfulness for His goodness. Psalm 103 was written by King David, but on what occasion we cannot say. It shows us how his heart went out to God in gratitude as he meditated on the mercies shown to him during a long and oftentimes stormy life.

Verse by Verse  
Psa. 92:1—"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." In fact, it would be both ungrateful and unbecoming not to do so. The Lord's goodness toward us demands our grateful praise.

Verse 2—"In the morning... and every night." It is well to establish regular habits for praise and prayer; to begin and close the day with the acknowledgment of God's loving-kindness and faithfulness.

Verse 3—"Upon an instrument." The word rendered "psalms" in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 means literally to sing with instrumental accompaniment. In the old dispensation all kinds of music were dedicated to the service and worship of the Lord. While today the sweetest melody is that which comes from the heart, nevertheless there is nothing in the New Testament to forbid or to discourage the use of musical instruments in connection with the service of song. Every talent may be devoted to the glory of the God who gave it.

Verse 4—"Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work." Both creation and redemption are the work of God, and in both He has wrought for the happiness and gladness of His people, who "triumph in the works" of His hands, giving the glory to Him alone.

Verse 5—"Thy thoughts are very deep." We are told elsewhere that God's thoughts are high above ours (Isa. 55:9). It is for us to seek to know His mind by studying His Holy Word. It means much to learn to think God's thoughts after Him.

Psa. 103:1—"All that is within me, bless his holy name." The whole being should be filled with thanksgiving and the desire to give glory to the name of the Lord, whose mercies have been so great on our behalf.

Verse 2—"Forget not all his benefits." It is easy to forget—therefore the importance of immediate recognition of God's goodness and of giving thanks as we recall His abundant mercy.

Verse 3—"Who forgiveth... who healeth." Forgiveness of sins and bodily healing were intimately linked together in the dispensation of Law. When our Lord was on earth He linked the two in connection.

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tion with the healing of the paralytic who was let down through the tiled roof by his four friends (Mark 2:4). And in James 5 we find healing and forgiveness going together. This is evidently the will of God when the sickness is the result of sin. But we need to remember that in this age we have no absolute promise that physical healing will invariably follow divine forgiveness. But when God pardons the sinner He always heals the sin-sick soul.

Verse 4—"Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." He who has redeemed our souls is ever mindful of us and continually dealing with us according to the love of His heart.

Verse 5—"Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." The reference is to the fact that after the moulting season the eagle seems to grow young and more vigorous again. So he who finds his spiritual strength renewed and is soon aware of a new infilling of spiritual energy, even as we read in Isaiah 40:31.

Verse 6—"The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." God is never an indifferent spectator of the afflictions of His saints or the sufferings heaped upon them by the enemies of the truth. He will recompense in due time, either in this world or the next.

Verse 7—"His ways... his acts." Moses was taken into God's confidence. To him He made known His ways. He was given to enter into the secret plans and counsels of the Most High. To Israel He made known His acts. They saw what He wrought, but they did not understand the hidden purpose that led to these results. Are we living so close to God that He can make known His ways to us?

Verse 8—"The Lord is merciful and gracious." Judgment is His strange work. He delights in show-

ing mercy and manifesting grace. While His wrath burns fiercely against sin, He is never quick to deal in anger with the sinner, but always extends time for repentance, for He is "plenteous in mercy." Therefore none need fear to go to Him in confession of sin, seeking the forgiveness He delights to give.

Verse 9—"He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever." He has no desire to keep the sinner's guilt constantly before Him. Neither does He allow His indignation to burn against the man who, whatever his offense may have been, turns to Him in repentance and faith.

Verse 10—"He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor according to our iniquities." As the Psalmist wrote these words by divine inspiration, God had the cross of Christ before Him, where all our sins and iniquities were to be dealt with in divine judgment, that we who believe the Gospel might go free.

Verse 11—"So great is his mercy." The raptured soul of the Psalmist looked to the heavens above and rejoiced to know that

higher than the expanse above is the everlasting mercy of our God. The Heart of the Lesson  
As we dwell upon the goodness of the Lord, we should ever be filled with thankfulness: first, for the gift of His Son, our blessed Lord, and the work He accomplished on the cross for our eternal salvation. Then, for every good gift so freely lavished upon us, of a material and temporal character, for He "daily loadeth us with benefits."

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