

November 20, 2005  
Thanksgiving Sunday

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Psalm 103

## Five Kernels of Corn

*Psa. 103:1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits*

### This Week is a Time for Thanksgiving

It is a time to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. (used \_\_\_\_ times)

It is a time to be truly thankful from \_\_\_\_\_ within your \_\_\_\_\_ .

It is a time to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ provided by the Almighty God.

### The Story of Five Kernels of Corn

*The Pilgrim fathers who landed at Plymouth Rock over 300 years ago knew nothing of the affluent times which you and I enjoy today in this great country of ours. During that first long winter at Plymouth Colony, seven times as many graves were made for the dead as home for the living. They had a custom of putting 5 kernels of corn upon each empty plate before a dinner of “thanksgiving” was served. Each member of the family would pick up a kernel and tell what they were thankful for. It was to remind them that the first Pilgrims were in such dire straits that their allowance was only 5 kernels of corn per person each day.*

### The Scriptures

*Psa. 103:1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. 6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: 8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children — 18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. 19 The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. 20 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. 21 Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. 22 Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

What Were David’s “Five Kernels of Corn.”  
Luke 22:1-38

1. A God who \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider David’s \_\_\_\_\_!

This forgiveness is a...

-- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father

-- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son

-- The \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Bible

*Is. 43:25 “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.*

-- The \_\_\_\_\_ of believers

2. A God who \_\_\_\_\_.

Two kinds of disease:

-- \_\_\_\_\_

*Psa. 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

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3. A God who \_\_\_\_\_ us.

A pit?

*Psa. 40:2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

Redeem means “\_\_\_\_\_.”

(How much do you think you’re worth?)

4. A God who \_\_\_\_\_ us with \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion.

*Prov. 10:6 Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.*

None of us want what we \_\_\_\_\_!

5. A God who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psa. 103:5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*

So, What Are Your Five Kernels of Corn?