April 30, 2017 Evening Your Excellent Goodness Psalm 103:6-18; 1 Peter 2:1-3, 9-10

The one who stirs his own soul to bless the Lord saying he is "your exceeding joy" (Psalm 103:1-5) is readied to participate in an even greater song of praise when God's people respond saying he is "your excellent goodness" (Psalm 103:6-18).

- I. How shall it be sung? (v.6)
 To the tune of "for all who are oppressed"
 - A. The "misery" of the oppressed
 - B. The "deliverance" of the oppressed
 - C. The "gratitude" of the oppressed
- II. What shall be sung? (vs.7-16)
 Lyrics that celebrate "his ways and acts…made known"
 - A. The inscrutable "face" of God (Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 4:6)
 - B. The invisible "footprints" of God (Psalm 77:19-20)
 - C. The indelible "fingerprints" of God (Psalm 78:70-72)
- III. Why shall it be sung? (vs.17-18)
 To give the collective resounding praise, "the steadfast love of the LORD"
 - A. Your knowledge helps us to "fear you"
 - B. Your righteousness helps us to "keep covenant"
 - C. Your holiness helps us to "remember to do your commandments"

Question:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of God's elect, has secured our salvation for all eternity. We "have tasted that the Lord is good" and "offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" through him proclaiming "the excellencies of him" (1 Pe.2:3, 5, 9). What spiritual sacrifice will you offer *Your Excellent Goodness* tonight?