

Soaring on the Updrafts of God's Perfections!

Psalm 103





Enrich Yahweh who
enriches you by His
determined,
compassionate love!

Psalm 103 - Message

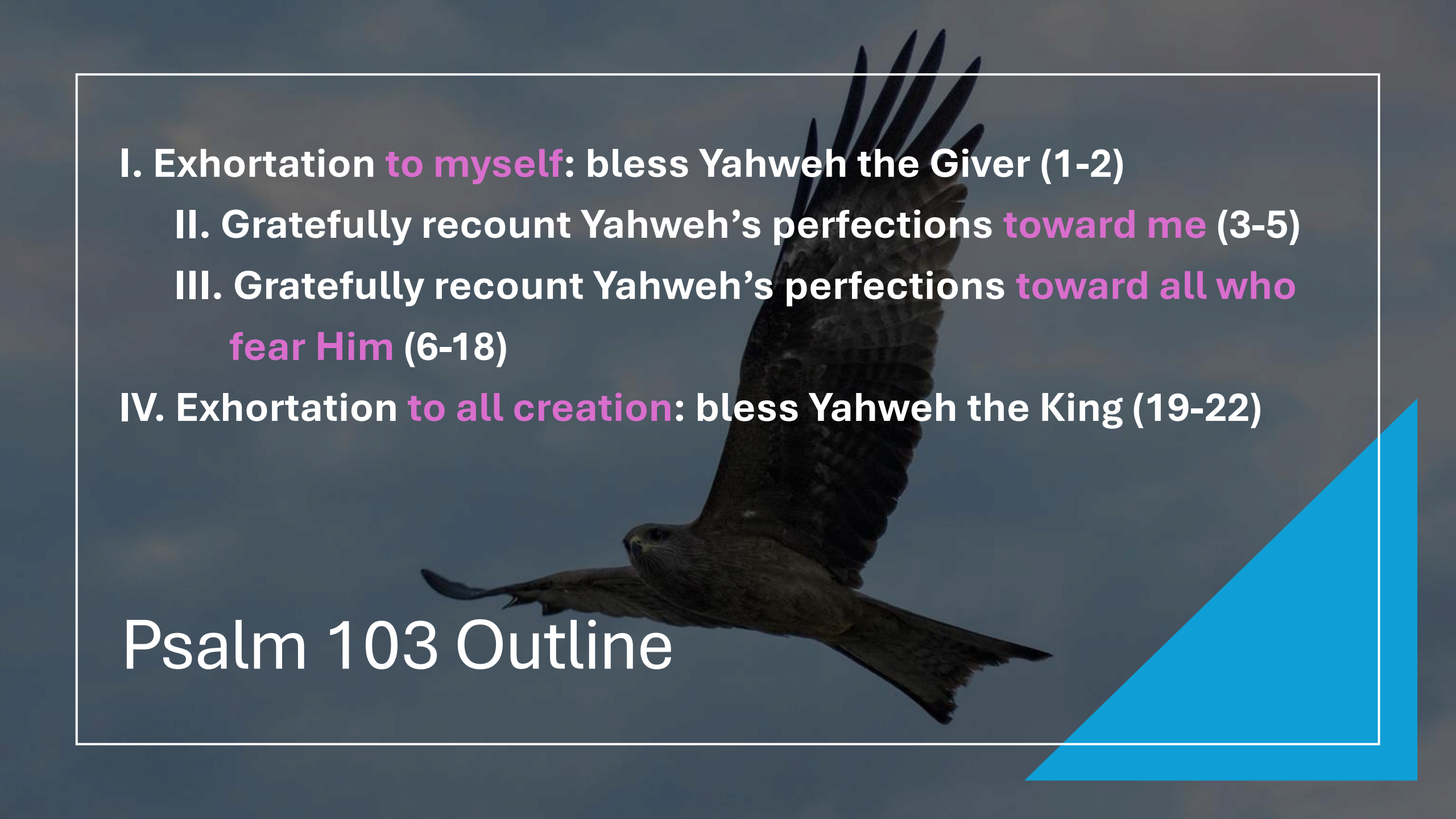


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“This psalm is one of the finest blossoms on the tree of biblical faith. Its roots reach deep down to where the most powerful springs of biblical piety flow.”

(Artur Weiser, *The Psalms*, p. 657)





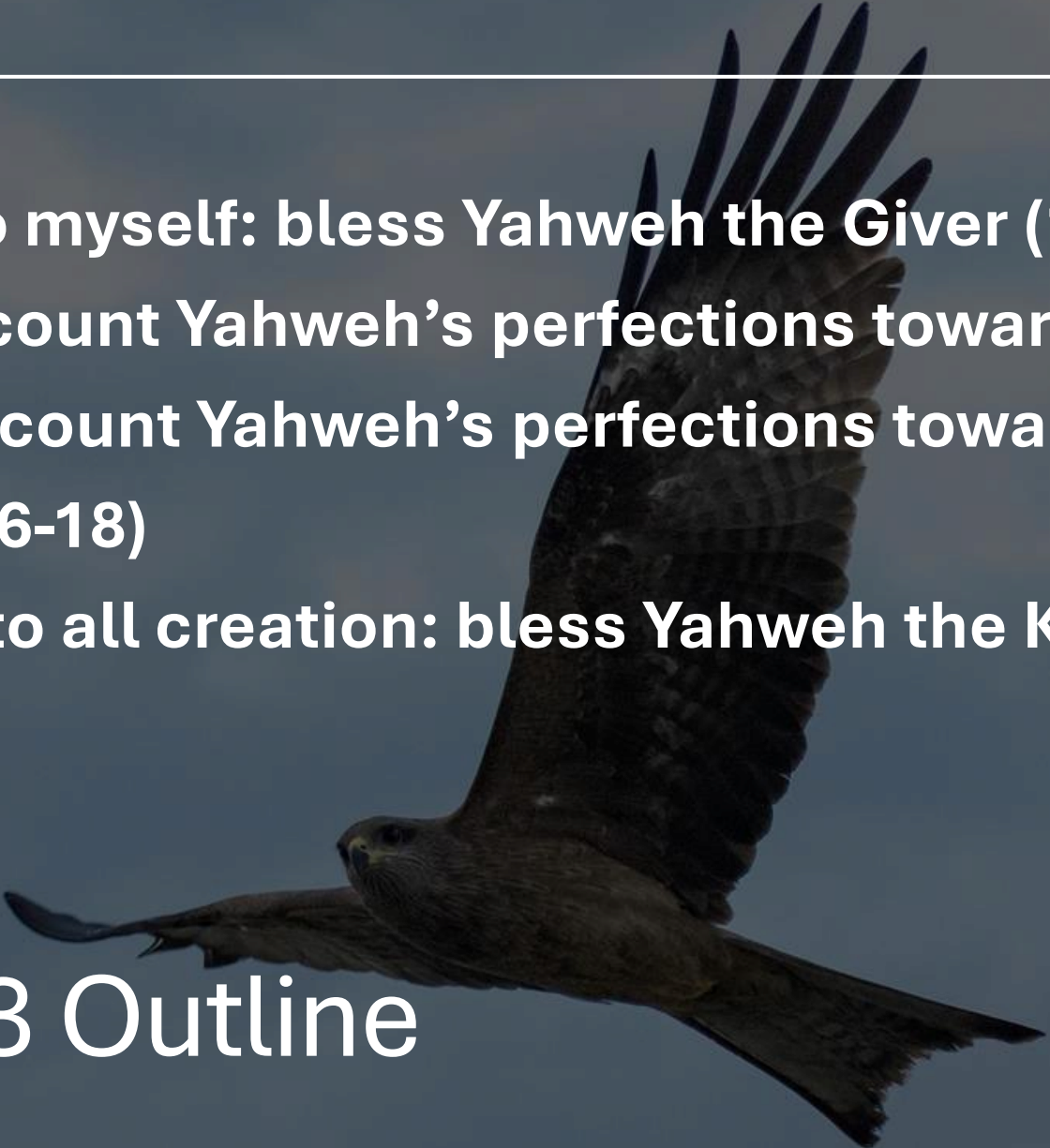
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“Bless” Yahweh

- **Bless** (verb) = “to enrich someone”
- Blessing (noun) = gift

1. Praise magnifies God in the soul

- Acceptable praise arises from the inner man
- Frequent, faithful praise strengthens the inner man

2. As the inner man is strengthened to an even deeper trust in Yahweh, it brings Him more glory!



God's Benefits – Psalm 103

- 1) Yahweh forgives all my sinful straying
- 2) Yahweh heals all effects of my sins
- 3) Yahweh redeems me from spiritual death
- 4) Yahweh crowns me!



Materials of crown in Ps 103:4

Compassion (*racham*) and
lovingkindness (*hesed*) are...

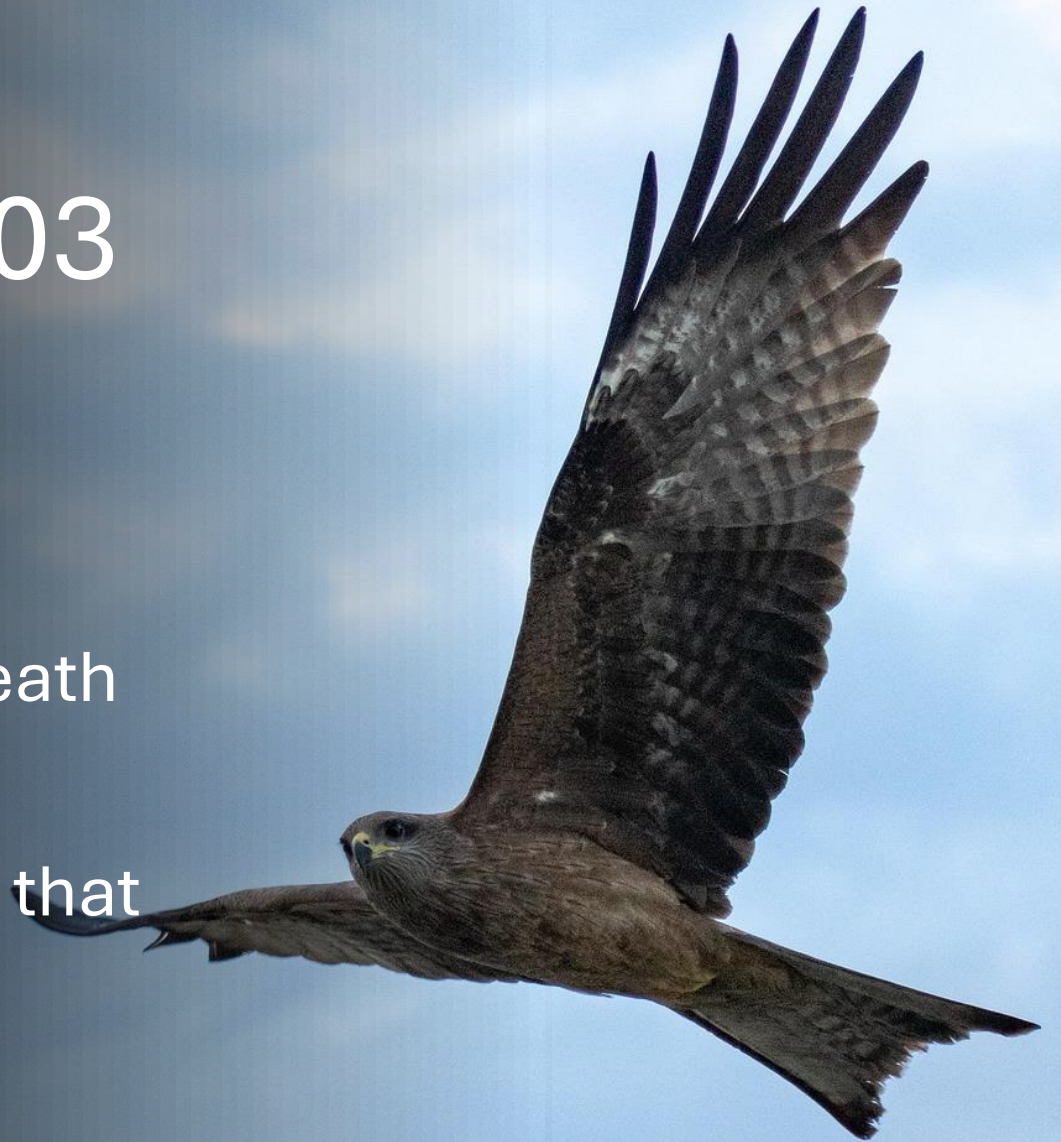
“the two sides of divine love:
‘compassion’ is his passionate love, love
in all its emotional content and
excitement...‘Committed love’ is love
expressed by a determined act of the will,
fixed, committed, ‘till death do us part’”

(Alec Motyer, *Psalms By The Day*, p. 287)



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- 5) Yahweh provides everything I need so that I'm spiritually renewed



God's Benefits – Psalm 103

- 6) Yahweh works justice for all who are oppressed
- 7) Yahweh revealed His character and plan to Moses (Ex 33:13; 34:6-7)
- 8) Yahweh's character is rich in mercy and grace
- 9) Yahweh will not stay angry with believers forever
- 10) Yahweh doesn't deal with us based on what our sins deserve (see Ps 25:7)

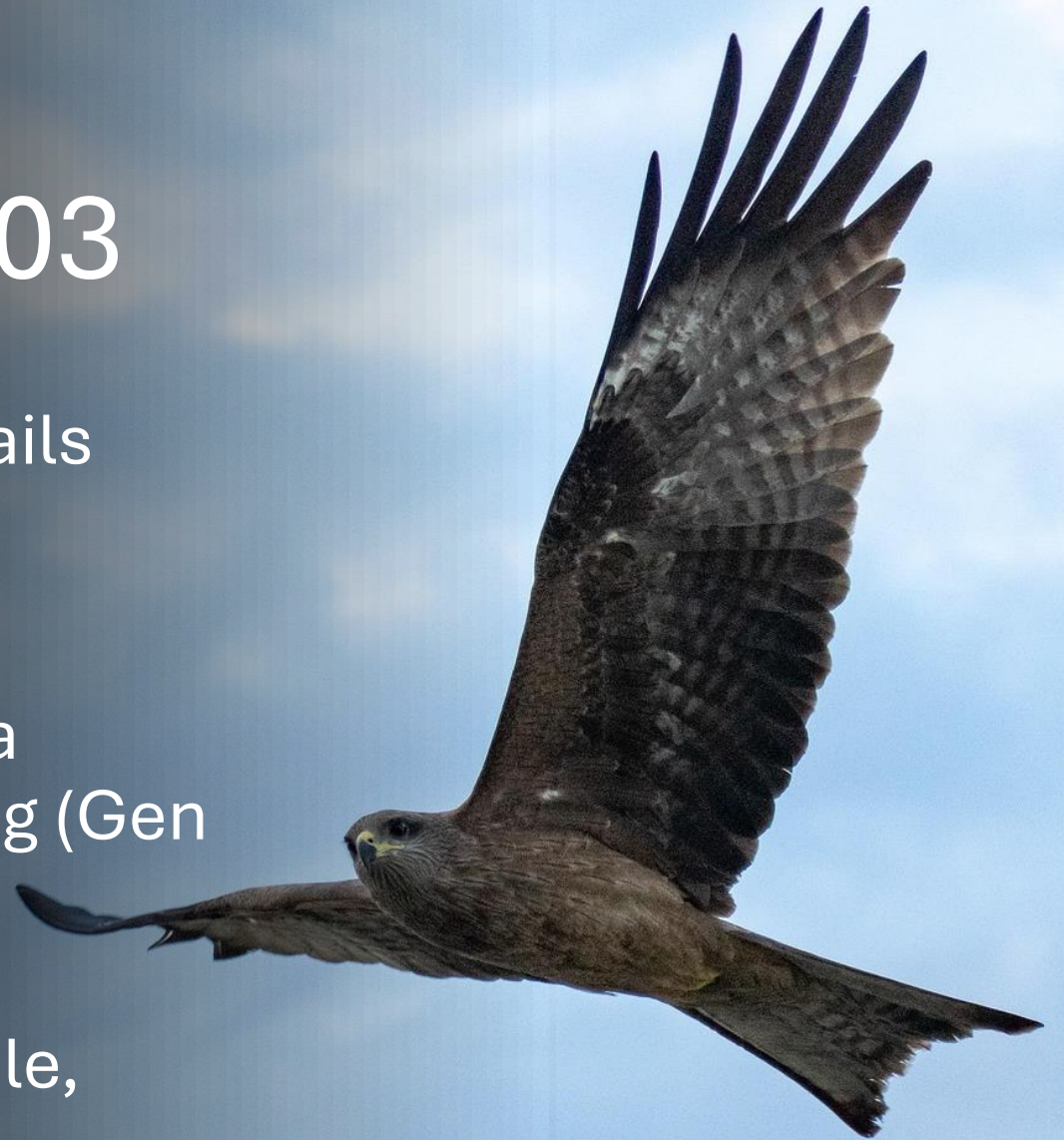


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11) Yahweh's faithful covenant love prevails over our sin

Great - to prevail over, used for the way a warrior or a flood prevails over something (Gen 7:18-20)

Fear of Yahweh - a relationship of humble, wholehearted faith (Prov 1:7; 9:10)

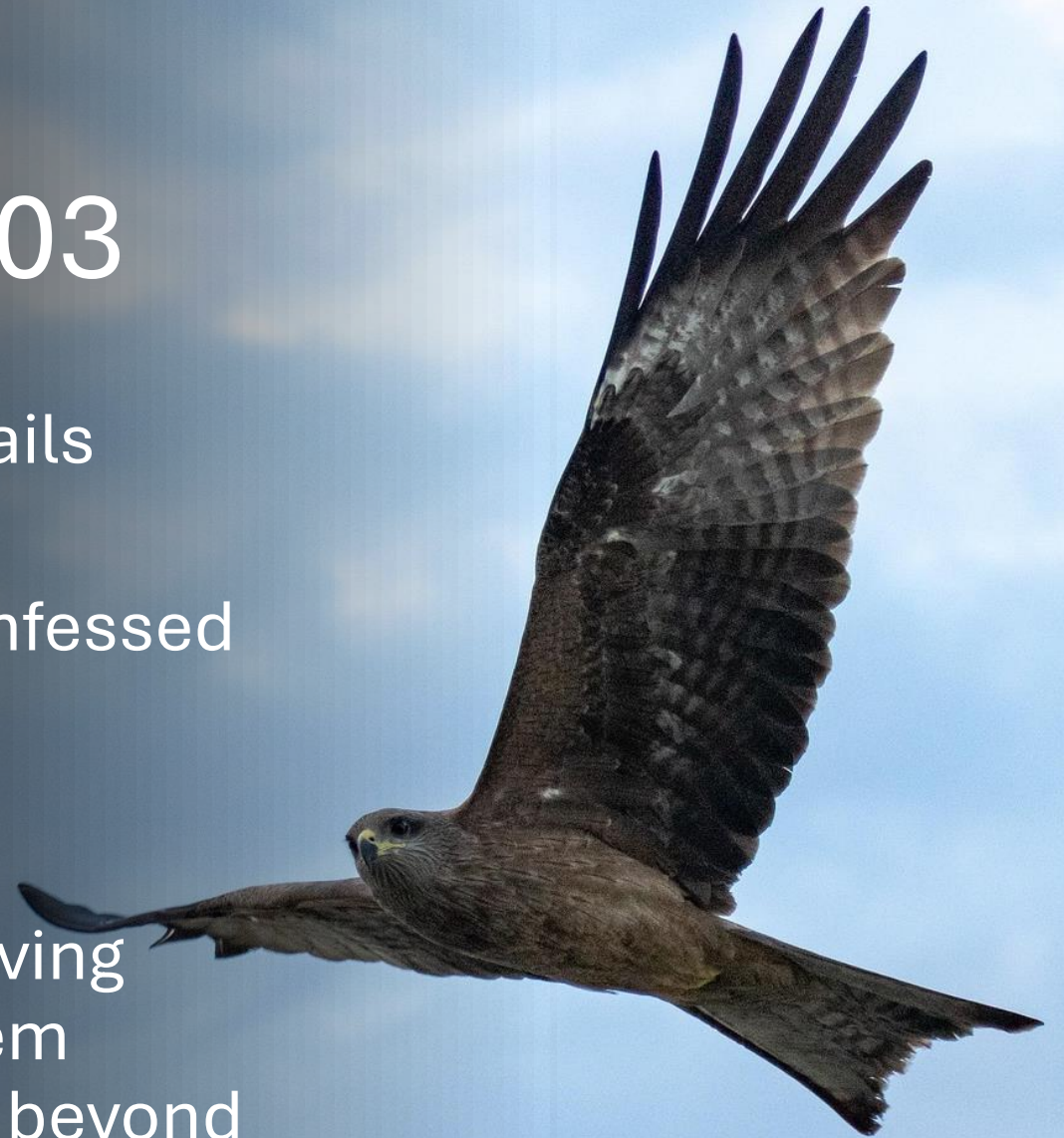


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12) Yahweh deals effectively with our confessed
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“Yahweh's love is thus an overarching,
constant, powerful, active love; it is a saving
love, taking our sins from us, bearing them
away to such a place as is ever infinitely beyond
reach” (Alec Motyer, *Psalms By The Day*, p. 289)



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- 11) Yahweh's faithful covenant love prevails over our sin
- 12) Yahweh deals effectively with our confessed sins
- 13) Yahweh deals with believers in compassionate love (1 Thess 2:7)
- 14) Yahweh is ever mindful of our frailty
- 15) Yahweh is mindful of our fleeting nature
- 16) Yahweh's faithful covenant love and justice are eternal

