

**A Case of Mistaken Identity**  
God's Identity: What He's Really Like  
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Psalm 103:7-18

**1. He has a Long Fuse.**

<sup>8</sup> *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, **slow to anger**, abounding in love.*

**2. He has a Short Memory, but not a bad one.**

<sup>9</sup> *He will not always accuse, nor will he **harbor his anger** forever;*

**3. He has a Thick Skin.**

<sup>10</sup> *he does **not treat us** as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

**4. He has a Soft Heart, but He's not a Soft Touch.**

<sup>11</sup> *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, **so great is his love** for those who fear him;*

<sup>12</sup> *as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

<sup>13</sup> *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

<sup>14</sup> *for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

**A. Forgiveness – v 12-13**

**B. Understanding – v 13-14**

**5. He has a Faithful Love.**

<sup>15</sup> *The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. <sup>17</sup> **But from everlasting to everlasting** the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— <sup>18</sup> with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.*

**A. A Contrast – v 15-16**

**B. A Constant – v 17-18**

**My Next Step today is to...**

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