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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 103:13-14 *“As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.”*

I wanted to continue on today in Psalm 103 with another word picture about our awesome Father: The Hebrew word for *compassion* is **richam** which means *to show mercy, compassion and sincere love*. When you think of the LORD, do you see Him as an overbearing master, or do you know Him as the compassionate Father that He is. The LORD is quick to show His mercy and slow to bring judgment. Have you ever been in a situation that you were dealt with swiftly before all of the facts were known? There is nothing worse than being dealt with harshly when you were innocent. But even though none of us are innocent, our Father is gentle and kind. Why? He knows how we are formed; He remembers that we are dust. He handles us gently because He knows everything about us.

We are not perfect like Him. We are not able to function like Him because we are flawed, and He is not. He knows this about us and instead of treating us as our sins deserve, He is patient and forgiving to us. How? Because He sees us through the perfect blood atonement of His Son. When He looks at you and me, He sees people that are perfectly clean and **justified**. *“Just if I’d never sinned.”* What an amazing thought that is for us today.

Meditate on this and praise the LORD who has done this for you today. As bad as we mess up, and as bad as we feel about ourselves, He sees us as holy, clean and usable for His kingdom’s work. He sees us through the eyes of love.

Dear LORD, You are so wonderful to us. You have paid the ultimate price so that we can be made clean and whole. Your blood was shed so that we could be justified. You are our compassionate Father. Thank You, In Jesus Name, Amen