

## ***Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior***

Psalm 103:1-2 (King James Version)

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

In the spirit of Christmas and Thanksgiving, I give honor to God the Father, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord has brought us through another year and for that we are eternally Thankful.

Good morning to my fellow brothers and sisters.

In today's text, Psalm 103:1-2, teaches us to Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within us. Bless his holy name. Jehovah, we bless your name and acknowledge You for waking us up this morning and starting us on our way. You are a miracle worker as you have kept us from January 2020 through December 2020. You are our Jehovah-Jireh. You have provided for us every day, hour, and second of the day. You have been faithful God and have attended to our needs and our personal desires. Yes, You have made a way out of no way. You have been the source of our blessings.

As we look deeper into the text, the second verse reminds us to Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Did you know there are countless benefits and blessing in the Lord for you and for me? The Psalmist is intentional in helping us to understand to Bless the Lord, O my soul, and don't forget all of his benefits. Beloved, He owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10).

He's the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End.

In Reflection, God has brought us through 2020 in the midst of a pandemic. In my mind, I thought about how the Lord has brought us as a people from a mighty long way. Recently, we visited the African American museum in Greensboro, N.C. where the sit-in took place.

The Greensboro Sit-In was a civil rights protest that started in 1960, when young African American students staged a Sit-In at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, and refused to leave after being denied service. The Sit-In movement soon spread to college towns throughout the South. The museum is set so that you get a

glimpse of what really happened during that time. You view a video of the history. The actual Woolworth lunch counter is upstairs with the menu and price list that was in the 1960's. Saints, the view and the experience was absolutely amazing (horrific and inspirational).

We witnessed 'colored only' signs. We witnessed colored only hotels, restrooms, and scenes that showed people of color were not welcomed or served. You could feel the stench and impact of Jim Crow laws during the times. The museum kept the actual counter from the Woolworth drug store that the North Carolina A&T students began the 'Sit-In' with. It was a peaceful protest. I saw a water fountain that was not fit for anyone to take a drink from with a sign that said "colored only". I felt a sickness in my stomach to know that such extreme conditions of hate and cruelty took place in this fashion.

I am thankful that the tour of the museum showed how God was always and will always be with us. As we completed the tour, we saw how the Lord used men, women, and children of color to do amazing things. You could also see that God has used people of all races and color, every creed, culture, and gender, to inspire each other and greatness through working together. As I reflect on the Goodness of the Lord, I have a belief that the hymn "Pass Me Not" was not just a Sunday morning selection. It was a hymn that depicted a cry out to a God that would certainly deliver.

Our ancestors sang, Pass Me Not, because they needed God to pay the light bill.

Our ancestors sang, Pass Me Not, because they needed God to pay the rent.

Our ancestors sang, Pass Me Not, because they needed God to put food on the table.

Our ancestors sang, Pass Me Not, because they needed God to put clothes on their backs.

Our ancestors sang, Pass Me Not, because they needed God to protect the family from sickness, disease, racial inequality, and harm.

Today, we sang, Pass Me Not, because we need God to pay the bills. O Yes. We need God to put food on the table and clothes on our backs. Yes, yes, yes, we still... No matter who you are... need God's protection for the family from sickness, disease, racial inequality, and harm. We sang

together Lord. God, while you're blessing on that side and on that side, Hallelujah, Lord... Please don't forget about us. God, please don't pass us by. Church, God has been so faithful and He's blessed us in the morning, noon day, and in the midnight hour.

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Let me at Thy throne of mercy, Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief. Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace. Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee?

I'm crying Savior, O Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

*I don't know about you church, but God has brought us from a mighty long way. He's been the glue that has kept the marriage together. He's been the glue that has kept the family together. He's been the glue that has kept you and I alive. (I feel my help coming on.) Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. When I think about the Goodness of Jesus and all that he has done for me, My Soul shouts Hallelujah...." Thank You. You've been my friend. Thank You. You've been So Good. Thank You. You keep right on Blessing Us. You've been our doctor in the sick room. Our lawyer in the court room... Yes, Yes, Yes, Glory to Your Name Lord. You didn't pass us by.*

*You blessed us in the morning. You blessed us in the noon day. You Blessed Us in the Midnight Hour... Yes, Yes, Yesssssss!!!*

*If you're here today and you are wondering why it seems like life has passed you by. I'm here to let you know, in Jesus Name, that life hasn't passed you by. You just need to ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.*

*According to Romans 10:9 - If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Jesus from the dead, thou shall be saved.*

*My brother and my sister. The Lord hasn't passed you by. You only need to accept Him; Jesus Christ, and allow Him to come into your heart today. God Bless You. Amen.*