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## The Surprising Virtue of Failure

### Satisfied-part 7

*Psalm 103*

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*Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.*

**The Ecclesiastes Experience**--Only God can meet our deepest needs. Nothing else we try will do. A deep sense of loneliness, emptiness or discouragement are dashboard lights, telling us our heart is trusting something other than drawing close to Christ and reflecting Him to others.

**The Job Experience**--Fear, anger and depression are also dashboard lights but point us to something different--a deep-seated commitment to SELF, to get the "life" we think we need and deserve without having to depend on God.

"Satan's strategy is to get Christians to become preoccupied with their failures. From then on, the battle is won."  
-C.S. Lewis, Screwtape Letters

**Failure exposes what is *really* c\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts**

*Psalms 103:1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--*

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**Failure exposes our real p\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Psalm 103:3 ... who forgives all your sins ...,*

**Failure exposes us to d\_\_\_\_\_ of which we had not dreamed!**

*Psalm 103:4 ...who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,  
5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**Failure exposes God's g\_\_\_\_\_ blessings.**

*Psalm 103:9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*Psalm 103:10 He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*Psalm 103:12... as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*Psalm 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

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**Failure exposes our p\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Psalm 103:14 ...for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

*<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes 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.*

*Psalm 103:19 The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.*

*<sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.*

*<sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.*

*<sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

Key: p.1. central; p.2: purposes; delights; greater. p. 3: pride

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