A Little Reviving

Ezra 9:8-9
Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
3Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
4Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
5Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
I. Ezra Focused on God's Grace. (V.8)

"And now for a little while grace..."

A. Ezra and his people had been in bondage.
B. Grace allowed a remnant to return home, so Ezra gave thanks.
C. We also live in a space of grace – "for a little while".
Romans 3:20-24

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

D. Have you responded in faith to God's offer of grace?
II. Ezra Focused on God's Faithfulness.

"To give us a peg in His holy place..."

A. Peg or nail, refers to the remnant returning.
B. God had faithfully preserved His people.
C. Ezra found reasons to rejoice in this small remnant.
D. Has God been faithful to you?
III. Ezra Focused on God's Goodness.

"That our God may enlighten our eyes"

A. God is the source of light and life.
   "God is light" – (1 John 1:5)

B. Our evil enemy's area called the powers of darkness.
Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

C. God is good to us and provides deliverance through His Son.
Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.