

From Dirt to Glory (Devotional)

Psalm 103:13-18 says, **13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; 14 for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children – 18 with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts.**

The psalmist here had no problem believing in the Genesis account of creation, for he readily admits that God created man from the dust of the ground. Have you remembered lately what you are made of? **"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"** (verses 13-14 above). God took the dust of the ground and formed Adam. Then He breathed into Adam the breath of life, and he became a living soul. Physically, we are made from the dust of the ground, but we are also made in the image of God.

When we think of dust, we think of something common and ordinary. You can walk out the back door and find dust, and not even that far to find it my own house based upon the evidence I see in front of me on my desk and computer screen! We may see dust as something dirty, but to God it also speaks of tremendous potential. God made us from the dust of the ground. He took the dust and made clay, and then He took the clay and made a man. Where we see dirt, God envisioned potential. As Isaiah tells us in Isaiah 64:8, He is the Potter, and we are the clay.

The vastness of God's universe is mind-boggling, and it further illustrates our insignificance in many ways. And yet, because we are so small and tiny compared to the vastness of the cosmos our Lord created, it also shows just how much our Lord really did love us in that He did come to the Earth as a man, He lived that perfect, sinless life and He voluntarily took upon Himself our sins and suffered a cruel death on the cross. So maybe you are important to the God of this universe after all! Maybe you are not so insignificant! You may be weak in yourself but you can be strong in the Lord. Seek to have the Potter make you want He wants you to be, and remember what the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:13: **"I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me."** He also reminded the congregation of the Lord's people in Corinth, **"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us"** (2 Corinthians 4:7). Remember that what we might view as dirt and unworthy is something that God views with great and wonderful promise!

May the Lord bless you as you seek to have Him mold you to His will!