

Treasure Hunt

- How does David use Psalm 101:1-2 to summarize Psalms 101-103?
- What is surprising about Psalm 101, coming after Psalms 92-100?
- How does the structure of Psalm 101 conform to our Lord's teaching?
- What does it mean to have a "perfect heart" (101:2)?
- Why does someone with the resolve of Psalm 101 need Psalm 102?
- What problem does David face in Psalm 102, and how does the Lord solve it?
- What is the difference between blessing the Lord (Psalm 103) and thanking the Lord (Psalm 100)?
- Why do Book 4, and Psalm 103 in particular, emphasize Moses?
- How does David describe God's love and forgiveness in 103:12?

Unity of Psalms 101-103



Summary (101:1-2a)	Amplification
1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.	Psalm 103
2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.	Ps 101:2b-8
O when wilt thou come unto me?	Psalm 102

Structure of Psalm 101

Psalm 101, The Upright Judge

1-2a, Introduction to 101-103

1, Praise for God's $\tau\omicron\eta$ → Ps 103

2a, David's resolve → Ps 101

2b, Cry for God's help → Ps 102

2b-4, Personal Uprightness

2b, David's **heart**

3, **David's eyes** against wickedness

4, David's **heart**

5-8, Corporate Uprightness

5, **Cut off** the proud **heart**

6, **David's eyes** on the faithful

7-8, **Cut off** the wicked doers



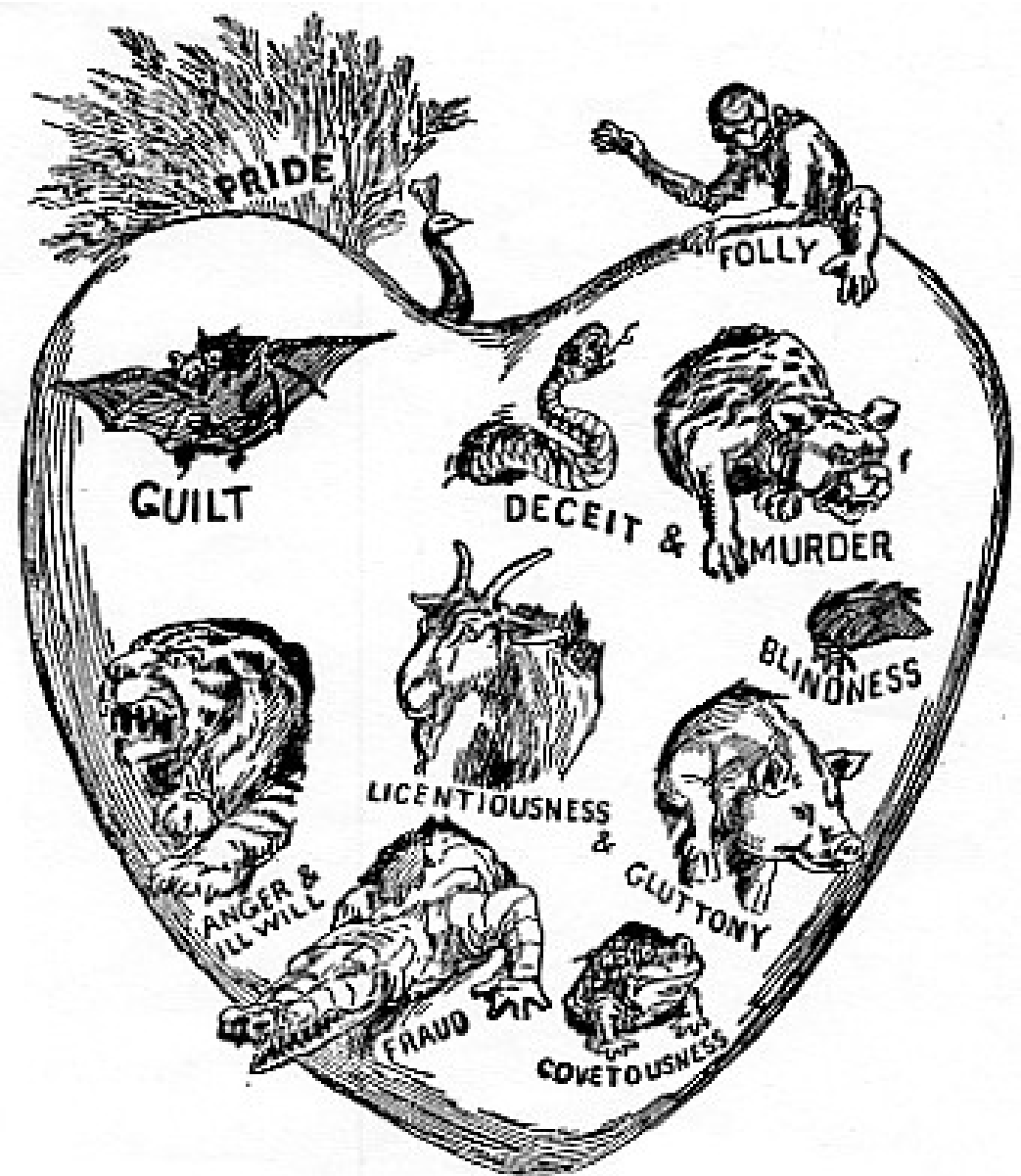
Mat 7:5 first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

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101:2 a perfect heart ...

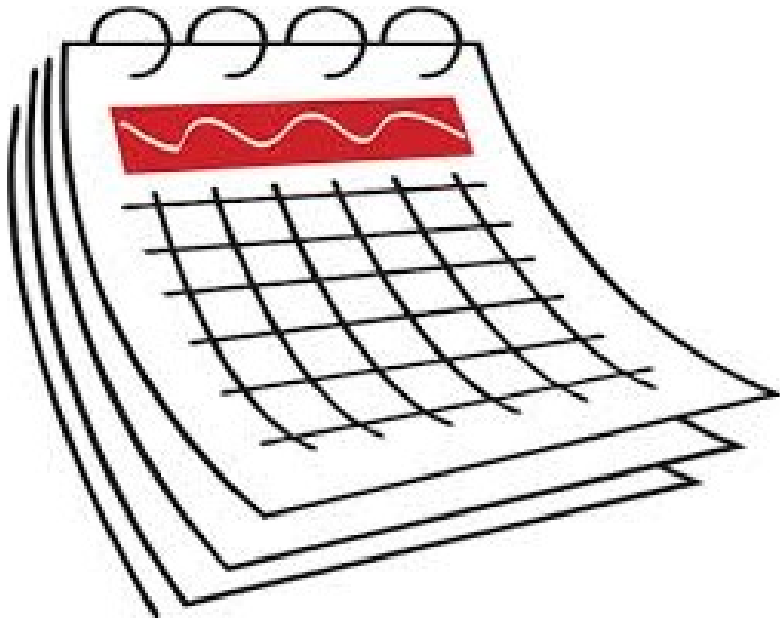
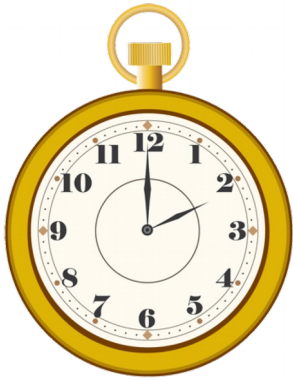
Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mar 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.



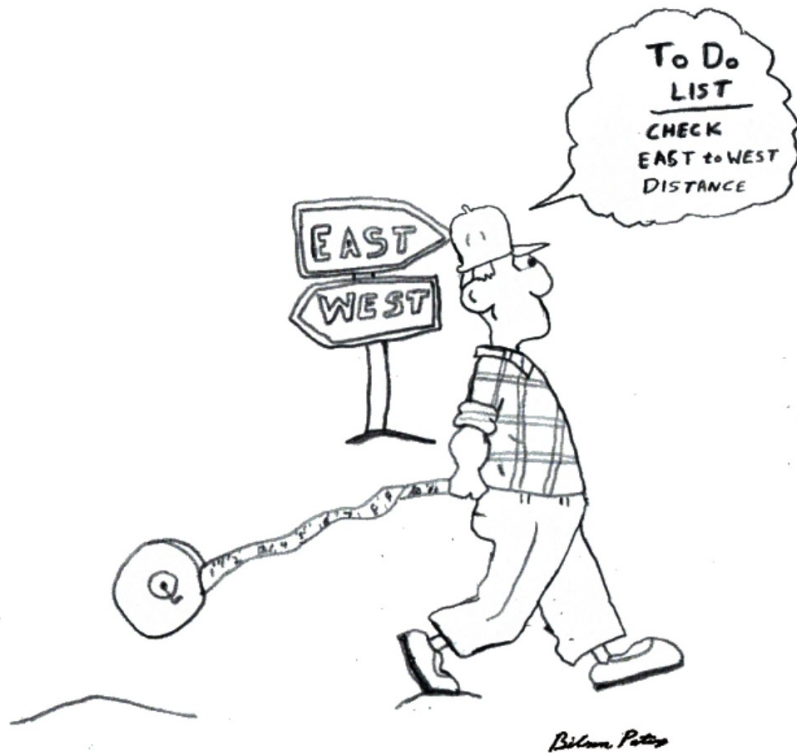
John Warner Barber "Christian Similitudes," 1866

Structure of Psalm 102



David's suffering and transience ("my days")	1-11	23-24a
The Lord's eternal intervention ("all generations," "thy years")	12-22	24b-28

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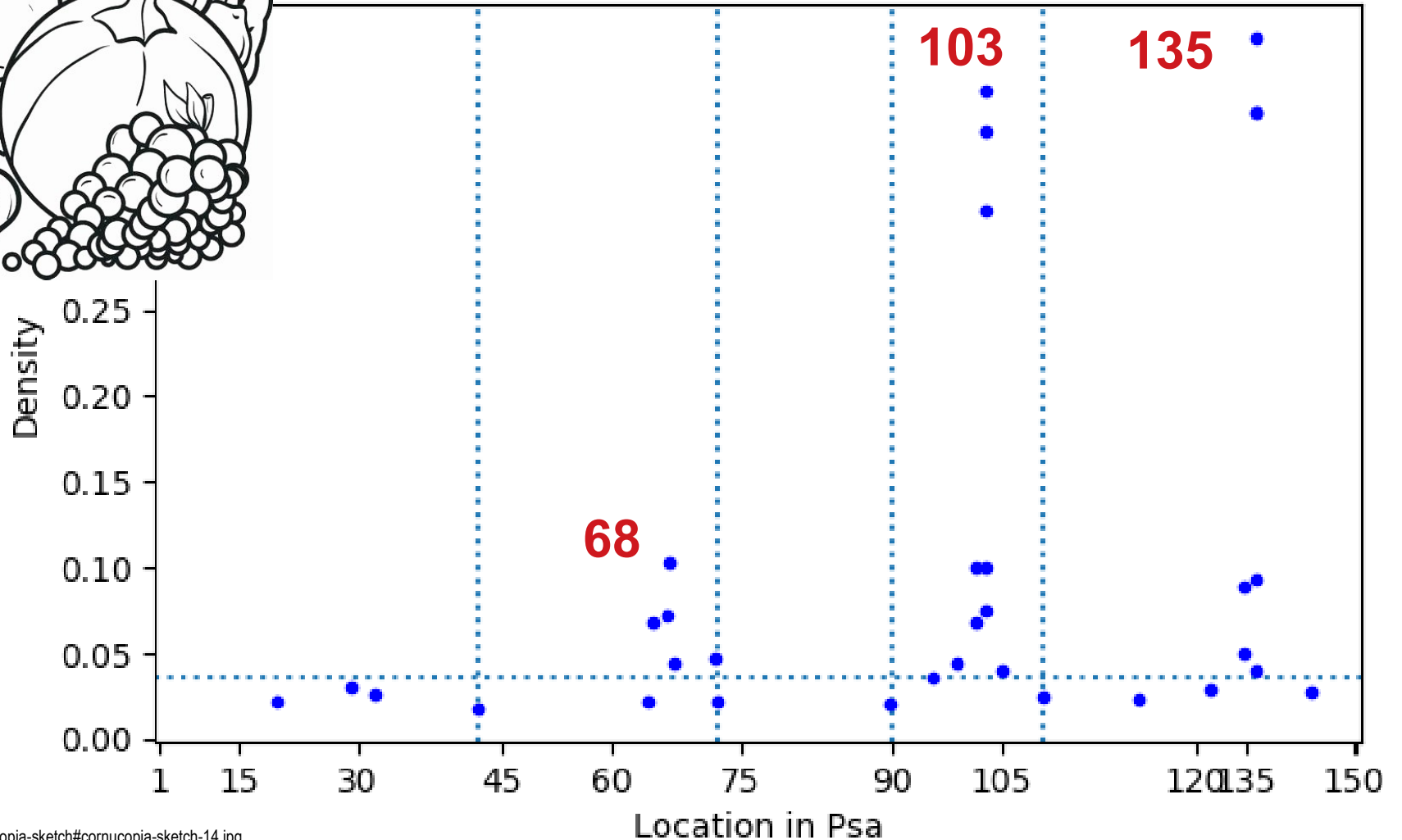
Structure of Psalm 103

Theme (101:1)	1-8		9-22
I will sing ...	1-5 Personal		20-22 Global
... of judgment	6		19
... of mercy (loyal love)	7-8		17-18 Loyal Love
	merciful רחום		14-16 (Gracious)
	gracious חנון	13 Compassion	
	slow to anger		10-12 Loyal Love
	plenteous in mercy טוֹב		9 Slow to Anger



Bless the Lord Blessed be the Lord

“Forget not all his benefits”



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Moses in the Psalms

Psa 77:20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.



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