

## Psalms 103:10-12

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;  
As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

Isn't it great to know that we are forgiven for our sins!  
We quote verse 12 a lot concerning how God deals with our sins.

† *As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

The only problem is we misquote this verse. How so?

We say that God forgets our sins and casts them as far as the east is from the west. But nowhere in this verse does it say that God forgets our sins. When we say that, we are adding to God's word something that isn't there, just like Eve did in the garden when she was confronted by the serpent and she added to what God had told Adam and herself.

God said: *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* Gen 2:16-17

But Eve said: *"but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'* " Gen 3:3 (Underlined for emphasis) Eve added that God said that you can't even touch the tree or you will die, but we never read of God saying that.

So where do we get the fact that God forgets our sins? From the prophet Jeramiah as God spoke through him.

† *Jer 31:34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD, for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."* (underlined for emphasis)

This is just a word of warning as you are quoting God's word. If God said it, then quote what He said, but don't add it to another verse, because you can take it totally out of context by doing so.

† **Isaiah 55:11** *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*