

PSALM 107 – 2023 Thanksgiving to the LORD for His Great Works of Deliverance -
Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (vs. 8, 15, 21, 31)

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GIVE THANKS – Maranatha Music (2:25)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2X)
Give thanks (2X)*

PSALM 107 – Book Five – Psalms 107-150 - “Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” – (vs. 8, 15, 21, 31)

Psa 107:1 Oh (an interjection to intensify!), ***give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy (goodness, kindness, faithfulness - chesed – vs. 1, 8, 15, 21, 31, 43) endures forever.***

- The goodness of the Lord is going to be recounted to us throughout the chapter. The goodness of the Lord is His responding to the call of His people for help. The mercy of the Lord will be demonstrated through this psalm in the fact that He gets us out of our trouble, which, for the most part are our own faults.
- As we go through this psalm we will see how that our folly gets us into trouble, we are distressed, we cry to the Lord, He hears, and he delivers. The goodness of God and the mercy of God will be declared to us through this psalm. The encouragement of the people to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His mercy that endures forever. Over and over again though we, by our own folly, get into trouble, we cry to God and He gets us out. His mercy endures forever.
- We are to worship Jehovah – the LORD with thanks and with thanksgiving! He is essentially, perpetually, superlatively, infinitely good! His mercy abides forever the same!

Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

- That is let the redeemed of the Lord declare His mercy that it endures forever.
- Redemption, a glorious thing. One of the blessings of God to us is the fact that He has redeemed us from the power of darkness, from the power of sin. I was a slave to the flesh, and I was a slave to sin, but Jesus Christ paid the price of my redemption.
- Satan who held us captive. In the sense of the scripture here, God had redeemed His people out of their Babylonian captivity. This first reference is to those who were redeemed from their captivity in Babylon.

Psa 107:3 And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

- The areas where they had been scattered.

Psa 107:4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way (a single path); ***They found no city to dwell in. (weary pilgrim!)***

- They were wandering in the pathless wilderness, lost and no city to dwell in.
- The Lord delights to come in when no one else can be of the slightest help!

Psa 107:5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

- It can become very distressing, it can become very difficult when you're hungry and thirsty, and you are faint and weak.

Psa 107:6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses (trouble, anguish).

- They don't cry unto the Lord until they are really at the bottom. Why is it that we wait until we are at the end of the rope before we call unto the Lord?

Psa 107:7 And He led them forth by the right (straight, safe) ***way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.***

- They were lost, they couldn't find their way, but God led them by the right way. Many wrong ways, but only one right way! It is so good to commit our lives and our ways to the Lord so that He will lead us in the right way. (Ezr 8:21) *Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble*

ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the **right** way for us and our little ones and all our possessions. (Heb 11:10) for he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Psa 107:8 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

- We should not take the blessings of God for granted. We should always be careful to give God praise and thanksgiving for the work that He does in our lives.
- It's because God so often and usually works in our lives in very natural ways, which often results our failure to recognize it as the work of God and to attribute then to natural causes and we don't praise Him for His goodness and to His wonderful works to the children of men. It is good and well that the redeemed should be stirred up to bless the Lord again and again, for preserved life deserves life-long thankfulness.

Psa 107:9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

- These are the two things; the satisfying of our thirsty soul and the filling of our hungry soul with goodness. Oh, that we would praise God for satisfying our thirsty souls and filling our lives with goodness.

Psa 107:10 Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons—

Now He gives to us the first where those who were taken captive to Babylon wandering. Bound in bars of iron, bound by affliction and people sitting in the shadow of death

Psa 107:11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,

- Their problem is of their own doings. They are in this condition because they rebelled against God's word. They contemned the counsel of God, they ignored it, and in fact they despised it. Contemned is actually despising God's counsel. Because of that they are in trouble, they are sitting in darkness in the shadow of death; they're bound in afflictions and irons.
- It describes a lot of people today in a figurative sense. They have despised the counsel of God, disobeyed the commandments of God. As a result, they find themselves in slavery to sin, being in chains, so to speak, of darkness as the power of darkness holds them in its grasp.

Psa 107:12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help.

- Their fault totally. Despising God's counsel, despising the commandment of the Lord.

Psa 107:13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

- His mercy endureth forever. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and that His mercy endures forever. So here they are in trouble by their own doings and yet when they cried to the Lord out of their distress ready to die in prison, in bondage, God hears! God saves them from their distresses.

Psa 107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces.

- Oh, how glorious is God's work of delivering those who are captive to sin, breaking the chains that bind you and the powers of darkness that hold you. How glorious it is that God can take a man that the world has written off, the world has said he is hopeless, and nothing can be done because his brain is scrambled and there is nothing; he's so bound by the alcohol or so bound by the drugs or so bound by these habits that you know the glorious power of Jesus Christ can set a person free in just a moments time.

Psa 107:15 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Psa 107:16 For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.

- Brass is always a symbol of judgement. The things that you did was wrong, and they were against the law of God, against the counsel of God that you contemned and yet though the judgement of God was upon your life, when you cried unto the Lord there was forgiveness and deliverance.

Psa 107:17 Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. (Won't receive!) When you transgress the law of God, when you give yourself over to living a sinful riotous life, it has its natural consequences upon you. They were afflicted; it was their fault. This affliction is a physical affliction.

Psa 107:18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

- They just don't want to eat. They are so sick that the thought of food is loathsome to them. Their soul abhors food.
- They are dying. Their sickness is a result of their own iniquity. Maybe a sexually transmitted disease, they were engaged in promiscuous sexual activities, they picked up a venereal disease which is killing them, and they are just about ready to die. Now it's their fault, you can't really blame God for the condition; it's because of their transgressions.

Psa 107:19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

- In this state they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saves them out of their distresses. Again, here they are ready to die at their own fault, but the mercy of God endures forever. Another demonstration of

God's mercy though it is your fault, and you are to blame yet when you call unto the Lord because His mercy endures forever God will be merciful unto you! God will forgive you! God will deliver you and God will heal you. Oh, how good God is!

Psa 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

- Glorious. Even those who are there, no one to blame but themselves and their own rebellion against God and yet God is so merciful that when you call upon Him, He'll heal. How many times has God brought healing to our life through the word? As we prayed there would be just a scripture that would come, that would minister to our heart, a promise and we would just lay claim to that promise. God would send His word and we would lay claim to that word, and we would find healing.

Psa 107:21 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Psa 107:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

- In Hebrews we are told to "offer to Him the sacrifice of praise even the fruit of our lips." That that's what the psalmist is saying, offer to Him the sacrifices of thanksgiving. That is the giving of our thanks, let that be a pleasing and acceptable offering unto God.

Psa 107:23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters, (caught in storms!)

- Now he's talking about sailors. They that do their business by crossing the great waters of the Mediterranean.

Psa 107:24 They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

Psa 107:25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

- I've seen that Mediterranean really churn in the storms.

Psa 107:26 They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

Psa 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

- That is on the top of the wave. It's a little ship that is carried up on the top of the wave and it looks like they are going right up to heaven. They go into the trough between the waves. Looking at them from the beach you would see them way up on a wave and then you can't see them because they are lost in the trough between the waves.

Psa 107:28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

Psa 107:29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

Psa 107:30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

Psa 107:31 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

- Why is it that we wait until we get to our wit's end, no place else to turn no one else to go to, it's hopeless that we try God? It's amazing how we'll try everything. We try stuff that we don't have much confidence in but we tried it all so we might as well try that.

Psa 107:32 Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.

- When we gather together our purpose is to exalt the Lord, our purpose is to praise Him in the assembly.
- The rest of the chapter is devoted to just the works of God, His marvelous works, and His powerful works.

Psa 107:33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the water springs into dry ground;

- There are areas of the earth that were once very lush, beautiful areas that are now wilderness. The area of Sodom and Gomorrah was glorious, beautiful, and lush and yet because of the sin God turned it into a wilderness. He dried up the rivers and the springs and the place became a barren wilderness

Psa 107:34 A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

- Surely Sodom and Gomorrah is a classic example of this.

Psa 107:35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into water springs.

- God can work one way or the other. He can take a wilderness and turn it into a lake and dry ground into water springs.

Psa 107:36 There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,

Psa 107:37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.

- They always felt that the two essentials for life were bread and wine. The vineyards were for the wine, the sowing of the fields were for the wheat for the bread.

Psa 107:38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.

- God's watchful hand over His children.

Psa 107:39 When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

Psa 107:40 He pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no

way;

Psa 107:41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes their families like a flock.

Psa 107:42 The righteous see it and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth.

Psa 107:43 Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

- The psalmist now closes by saying: God's watchful hand over His children. How that God is in control. How he can bring down the wicked and sustain the righteous. Whoever is wise will observe these things.

SUMMARY

- Do you want to know the mercy, the lovingkindness, the goodness of the LORD, observe this Psalm!
- "Then" – 6 times; because of adversity and difficulties, they turned to the LORD! How quickly in our adversities and trials do we turn to the LORD?
- Those who notice the LORD's providences -His mercies, loving kindness, goodness - shall never be long without a providence to notice! *Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD!*

THE GOODNESS OF GOD (5:03)

*I love You, Lord For Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*Chorus - And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In the darkest night You are close like no other.

I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God (yeah)

And all my life You have been faithful (oh) And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God (yeah)

*'Cause Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after
me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (oh-oh) 'Cause Your goodness is running after It's running after me*

*Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You
everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after It keeps running after me And all my life You have been*

*faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the
goodness of God (I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing) 'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life*

*You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God Oh,
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God*

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