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Give Thanks to the Lord

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Psa. 107:1,

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy [*chesed*, ‘faithful, loyal love’] endures forever.”

Theme:

God redeems people from their various adversities, traumas, and crises.

Call for the redeemed of the Lord to give thanks and to praise God, vss. 1–3

Causes for praise in four general areas are summarized, vss. 4–32

Those who are wanderers, displaced from their homes, vss. 4–9

Those who are prisoners, under divine discipline, vss. 10–16

Those who are recently healed, vss. 17–22

And those who face natural disasters, e.g., the sea and the water.

A second cause for prayer, which is second cause to praise that summarizes the whole with a meditation on the providence of God. Vss. 33–42

- 1. The Psalm is not connected to a specific historical event.**
- 2. God answers the prayers of His people to deliver them.**

“It is obvious that this Psalm is not historical. It describes various incidents of human life, it tells of the perils which befall men, and the goodness of God in delivering them, and calls upon all who have experienced His care and protection gratefully to acknowledge them; and it is perfectly general in its character. The four (or five) groups, or pictures, are so many samples taken from the broad and varied record of human experience.”

~Perowne, *Psalms*

- 1. The Psalm is not connected to a specific historical event.**
- 2. God answers the prayers of His people to deliver them.**
- 3. Trust, pray, give thanks.**
- 4. The pattern for our response:**
- 5. Strengthening our faith.**
- 6. Categories of crises.**
- 7. The refrain: Prayer, deliverance, give thanks.**

6. First cause to give thanks, Psa. 107:4–32

How God delivers the displaced wanderer, 107:4–9;

The rebels who rejected the Word of God, 107:10–16;

Those who were sick and almost fatally ill because of disobedience to God, 107:17–22;

And those overwhelmed by natural disasters, 107:23–32.

Deserved suffering:

- a. Indirect deserved suffering: Adam's original sin, Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3**
- b. Direct deserved suffering.**

Matt. 5:45b, “for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

Psa. 135:7, “He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.”

Amos 5:8, “He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning and makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth; The LORD is His name.”

Amos 9:6, “He who builds His layers in the sky, and has founded His strata in the earth; Who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth —The LORD is His name.”

Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Direct suffering due to our own volition.

Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Direct suffering due to our own volition.

Heb. 12:5, “and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him;

Heb. 12:6, “ ‘For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.’

Heb. 12:7, “It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

1 Pet. 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,”

1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

The second group. Psa. 107:10–16

**Psa. 107:11, “Because they rebelled
against the words of God, and despised
the counsel of the Most High,”**

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

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

The third category describes again those who have brought destruction upon themselves. Psa. 107:17–22

Psa. 107:17, “Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted.”

Fourth, the dangers of a fallen creation.

Psa. 107:23–32

The refrains:

Psa. 107:6, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.”

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!”

cf., 107:13, 15, 19, 21, 28, 31

Psa. 107:6, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.”

צַעַק *tza'aq*

qal wawConsec 3

masc plur

to cry out, call for

help (Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

צָרָה *tzar-1*

masc sing abs

narrow, distress,

in tight place,

**under pressure
from adversity**

(Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

Psa. 107:6, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.”

נצל *natzal*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing
to take away, deliver
physically, or save
spiritually (Psa. 107:6)**

ישע *yasha*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing to
deliver, save (Psa. 107:13, 19)**

יצא *yatza*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing
to go out (Psa. 107:28)**

מצוקה *metzuqah*

**comm fem plur constr
distress**

(Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

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And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” [NASB, 1995]**