

Hurricane Harvey Special  
Give Thanks to the Lord

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## Give Thanks to the Lord Psalm 107:1-3



**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**

**Psa. 107:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good! For His mercy endures  
forever.**

**Psa. 107:2, “Let the redeemed of the LORD  
say so, whom He has redeemed from the  
hand of the enemy,**

**Psa. 107:3, “And gathered out of the lands,  
from the east and from the west, from the  
north and from the south [seas].”**

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**יָדָה *yāda* confess, praise,  
give thanks. 5× in  
Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31**

**Psa. 7:17, “I will praise the LORD  
according to His righteousness, and will  
sing praise to the name of the LORD Most  
High.”**

**Psa. 30:4, “Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”**

**Psa. 42:5, “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.”**

**Psa. 42:11, “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.” (cf., Psa. 43:5)**

**Psa. 97:12, “Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”**

**Psa. 106:1, “Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”**

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**Psa. 31:19, “Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!”**

**1. God is good. The articulation of the goodness of God is primarily found in praise psalms and passages that describe the praise of God in Temple worship.**

**Psa. 34:8, “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”**

**Psa. 25:8, “Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.”**

**Psa. 54:6, “I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.”**

**Psa. 69:16, “Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.”**

**2 Chron. 7:3, “When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.’ ”**

**Ezra 3:11, “And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel.’ Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”**

**2. Theologians say to describe the attributes of God is to categorize His moral attributes.**

# ESSENCE OF GOD

**Sovereign**

**Omniscient**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

**3. The Goodness of God involves primarily His righteousness and justice; often theologians will also define these two together as His integrity or His holiness.**

**Psa. 33:5, “He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.”**

**4. *Holiness* describes the uniqueness of God.**

**קֹדֶשׁ *qodesh* holy, apartness, separate, sacred**

**Ex. 15:11, “Who is like You, O LORD,  
among the gods? Who is like You, glorious  
in holiness, fearful in praises, doing  
wonders?”**

**1 Sam. 2:2, “No one is holy like the LORD,  
for there is none besides You, nor is there  
any rock like our God.”**

**5. Righteousness describes the perfect standard of God's character. This is described in Scripture as abhorring evil and being pure.**

צֶדֶק *tzedeq*

**righteousness,  
justice**

δικαιοσύνη  
*dikaïosunē*

**righteousness,  
justice**

**Job 34:12, “Surely God will never do wickedly, nor will the Almighty pervert justice.”**

**Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”**

**Psa. 97:2, “Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”**

**6. Justice is the application of God's righteousness.**

**Deut. 32:4, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”**

**מִשְׁפָּט *mishpat***

**comm masc sing abs**

**judgment, Mishpat**

**Isa. 30:18, “Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.”**

**Isa. 58:2, “Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.”**

**7. Benevolence: emphasizes the grace/  
love dimension of God giving from His  
goodness to man.**

## **8. Conclusion:**

**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!”**

**Rom. 2:4, “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”**

**Rom. 11:22, “Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.”**

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**חֶסֶד-2 *chesed-2* comm  
masc sing constr  
lovingkindness, faithful  
loyal love, mercy, love**

**Psa. 36:5, “Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”**

**Psa. 23:6, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”**

**Psa. 13:5, “But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.”**

**Psa. 40:11, “Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.”**

**Psa. 59:17, “To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense, my God of mercy.”**

**Psa. 107:2, “Let the redeemed of the LORD  
say so, whom He has redeemed from the  
hand of the enemy,”**

**1-לְאָלֹהִים *ga'al*-1 qal passiveP  
masc plur constr to  
redeem, avenge, ransom;  
may be spiritual or physical**

**Psa. 28:7, “The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.”**

**Isa. 59:20, “ ‘The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,’ says the LORD.”**

**Isa. 60:16, “You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, and milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”**

**Isa. 62:12, “And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”**

**Psa. 107:3, “And gathered out of the lands,  
from the east and from the west, from the  
north and from the south [*yamim* seas].”**

**קָבַץ *qavatz* piel perf 3  
masc sing to gather**

**Isa. 11:12, “He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”**

**Psa. 106:47, “Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.”**

**Isa. 56:8, “The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, ‘Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him.’ ”**

**Jer. 31:8, “Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there.”**

**Jer. 32:37, “Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.”**

**Ezek. 28:25, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.’ ”**