

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Rhema Christian Center Triumphant Tuesday-Bible Study

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Psalm 107-Study Notes

Introduction:

- Psalm 107 Starts the 5th Book of Psalms (107-105)
- The “Deuteronomy” Book: Concerning God and His word; Return of the Jews from Babylonian captivity; the Jews returning from every part of the globe.
- Exhortation to Celebrate God’s Praises
- Song of Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Great Works of Deliverance

Theme:

- Thanksgiving and the motives for it

Composer:

- Specific writer not known

Outline:

- **Vs. 1-3:** The blessed should thank God


Vs. 4-32: 4 Different Circumstances

- **Vs. 4-9:** Lost in the wilderness (lost/empty)
- **Vs. 10-16:** Confined within prison (guilty/lonely)
- **Vs. 17-22:** Affliction resulting from sin (sick)
- **Vs. 23-32:** Threatened by sea (storms of life/struggles)
- **Vs. 33-41:** Summary of God’s power
- **Vs. 42-43:** Observations of man

Psalms 107

107 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good!

- **Oh**-Exclamation-Declaration-A plea to give thanks
- With the word **Oh**, the exhortation is stated as an exclamation.
- **Why**- Because He is good

For His mercy *endures* forever.

- The word ‘**endures**’ is not a direct translation from the Hebrew, it is believed to be restrictive
- Hebrew translation ‘**for his mercy for ever.**’
- That mercy had no beginning, and shall never know an end.” (Spurgeon)

Vs. 2-9 Speaks to their Banishment and Dispersion

- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
- Let the redeemed tell their story
 - Their WITNESS/TESTIMONY

DECLARATION: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so....For the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever.

- Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- Redeemer-a close relative...one in a stronger position
 - The redeemed-one who is bought back, set free, repurchased

- ³ And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.
- God's people are coming back from many different places; they were scattered
 - God scattered them-because of their disobedience
 - God sent them into captivity because they did evil in the sight of the Lord

Ezekiel 39:27-28

²⁷ When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, ²⁸ then they shall know that I *am* the Lord their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them ²⁹ captive any longer.

Vs. 4-9: Lost in the wilderness (lost/empty)

⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way;
They found no city to dwell in.

⁵ Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.

⁶ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.

- **They/Those/Some**-On their own....on their own way
- In their condition, they began to exercise **FAITH**

Psalm 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

⁷ And He led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

Vs. 1-7 God's works of deliverance of the redeemed

- 7 reasons to Give Him Praise:
1. He is good
 2. Delivered us from the hand of the enemy
 3. Gave us a place to dwell in
 4. Fed us

5. Gave us water
6. Heard our cry and delivered us
7. Showed us the right way

⁸ **Oh**, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

- Thank God for what He does for others
- Wonderful works-Miracles
- Wonderful-One of Messiah's Titles

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful**, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

DECLARATION: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, For the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever.

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

Vs. 10-16 Speaks to their Captivity and Imprisonment **Vs. 10-16: Confined within prison (guilty/lonely)**

- ¹⁰ Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
- **They/Those/Some**-On their own....on their own way
 - Darkness....blind eyes refer to sin state

Bound[Ⓜ] in affliction and irons—

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner[Ⓜ] of the Lord, [Ⓜ]beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

¹¹ Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And [Ⓜ]despised the counsel of the Most High,

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

¹³ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

- In their condition, they began to exercise **FAITH**

And He saved them out of their distresses.

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

- God's mercy
- Mercy-God's power to punish one who deserves it, but instead God withholds it
- Mercy-A gift given to someone who desperately needs it but doesn't deserve it

Psalm 25:6-7

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they *are* from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

¹⁵ **Oh**, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

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

Vs. 17-22 Speaks to their sickness and weakness of body
Vs. 17-22: Affliction resulting from sin (sick)

¹⁷ Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

- **They/Those/Some**-On their own....on their own way....**FOOLS**
- FOOLS because their sickness was self-inflicted, the consequence of disobedience
- Deliverance for the sick because of their sin, transgression and iniquities
 - **Sin**-Missing the Mark/Goal; failure to love God and others
 - **Transgression**-Breaking/Violating Trust
 - **Iniquity**-Crooked behavior; Distorting what is good

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded^[a] for our transgressions, He was ^[b]bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes^[c] we are healed.

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

¹⁹ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.

- In their condition, they began to exercise **FAITH**

²⁰ He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered *them* from their destructions.

- God's WORD healed; Healed by the word of God
- Power of God's word demonstrated
- Deliver me from destruction....self-destruction
- Transgression/willful disobedience results in sickness
- Destruction is a choice and result when you go outside of God's will

Psalm 30:2


O Lord my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.

Psalm 103:4

Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

²¹ Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

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²² Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
○ The sacrifices are thank offerings
○ Thank offerings-peace offerings given out of gratitude...verbal sacrifice of praise/worship
○ Todah (Hebrew) derived from Yadah...lift hands in thanks
And declare His works with rejoicing.

Vs. 23-32 Speaks to their danger and distress at sea

Vs. 23-32: Threatened by sea (storms of life/struggles)


²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships,
○ **They/Those/Some/Fools**-On their own....on their own way
○ The storms came
○ Returning from captivity they saw and experienced the storms

Who do business on great waters,

²⁴ They see the works of the Lord,
And His wonders in the deep.


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

Jonah 1:4

But the Lord sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.

²⁶ They mount up to the heavens,
They go down again to the depths;
Their soul melts because of trouble.
○ Storms of/in life...pain, suffering, loss....can cause us to give up, lose courage
○ All their wisdom is swallowed up

(Is this how we respond when in storms?.....**Selah**)

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

²⁸ Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,
○ In their condition, they began to exercise **FAITH**
And He brings them out of their distresses.

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

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

³¹ **Oh**, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

- Our response....God rescues

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³² Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
○ Assembly-public, in the midst of the congregation
And praise Him in the company of the elders.

Vs. 33-42 Speaks to God's works of protection to rich and poor

Vs. 33-41: Summary of God's power

³³ He turns rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground;
³⁴ A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

1 Kings 17:1;7

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

³⁵ He turns a wilderness into pools of water,
And dry land into watersprings.
³⁶ There He makes the hungry dwell,
That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,
³⁷ And sow fields and plant vineyards,
That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
³⁸ He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly;
And He does not let their cattle decrease.
³⁹ When they are diminished and brought low
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow,
⁴⁰ He pours contempt on princes,
And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is no way*;
⁴¹ Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction,
And makes *their* families like a flock.
⁴² The righteous see *it* and rejoice,
And all iniquity stops its mouth.
○ Mouths stop speaking wrong things
○ God changes the bad to the good
○ God lifts up the poor and afflicted

⁴³ Whoever is wise will observe these *things*,
With wisdom we will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord

- Take heed ; And they will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

New Testament:

Vs. 4-32: 4 Different Circumstances

- **Vs. 4-9:** Lost in the wilderness (lost/empty)
 - **Jesus rescues the loss**

Luke 1:74-75

We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.

- **Vs. 10-16:** Confined within prison (guilty/lonely)
 - **Jesus sets the captives free**

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.

- **Vs. 17-22:** Affliction resulting from sin (sick)
 - **Jesus heals the sick**

Luke 13:10-13

¹⁰ One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, ¹¹ he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!” ¹³ Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God!

- **Vs. 23-32:** Threatened by sea (storms of life/struggles)
 - **Jesus delivers**

2 Timothy 4:18

Yes, and the Lord will **deliver** me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

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Resources

Bible:

New King James
New International
Spirit Filled Life
New Living Translation

Websites:

Enduringword.com
Biblegateway.com
Blueletterbible.org
Bibleproject.com

Commentaries:

Charles Spurgeon
David Guzik
Charles Stanley

Song: "Rejoice In The Lord Always" – Israel and New Breed