



## ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD (part 2)

### Psalm 107

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Good morning Church! **Psalm 107** is a song for the redeemed. We can sing and celebrate since God has delivered us and preserved our life from a time of danger. This psalm is highly poetical and a community thanksgiving during a time of sacrificial offerings for Israel. Most likely this psalm has a post-Exilic origin that praises God for His goodness and mercy to His people. We can be thankful for God's goodness and mercy no matter what we go through or are currently in.

- The DNA of JOY is Thankfulness.

*We looked at four scenarios that the Lord delivers His people from:*

1. God **DELIVERS** His People from **WANDERING**. (v 1-9)
2. God **RESTORES** His People from **REBELLION**. (v 10-16)
3. God **HEALED** His People from **SINFUL** Destruction. (v 17-22)
4. God **COMFORTS** His People from **CHAOTIC** Moments. (v 23-32)

*Video Illustration: Matthew 14. When Peter Walks on Water*

"Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; **24** they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. **25** For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. **26** They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; **27** they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. **28** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **29** He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. **30** Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. **31** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **32** Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders." **Psalm 107:23-32**

- God reveals His WORKS
- People were DISCOURAGED
- God CALMED the storm
- People PRAISED God together

## **B. We REMEMBER God's Response to Man's OBEDIENCE/DISOBEDIENCE. (v 33-42)**

*"He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,**34** a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.**35** He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. **36** And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; **37** they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. **38** By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish. **39** When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, **40** he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; **41** but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. **42** The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. **43** Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord."*

**Psalm 107:33-43**

### **1. Disobedience To God goes from PROSPERITY to POVERTY. (33-34)**

- SIN is the CAUSE of all affliction.

### **2. Obedience to God goes from BARRENNESS to BLESSEDNESS (35-38)**

### **3. Disobedience To God goes from the TOP to the BOTTOM. (39-40)**

### **4. Obedience to God is being Elevated from LOW to HIGH. (41-42)**

*"God has many rods, and we have many smarts, and all because we have many sins." **Charles Spurgeon***

God's blessing is setting His people, the redeemed, above the affliction, above the power of Satan, above the reigning influence of sin, above the possibility of being banished from His presence.

### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*