



## GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME (part 1)

### 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. Today I will have quotes by the 1800's English Baptist preacher Charles Spurgeon, who wrote, "In heaven itself there is no sweeter hymn than that whose burden is, 'Thou hast redeemed us unto God by Thy blood.'"

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! **2** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble **3** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **4** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; **5** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. **6** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **7** He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. **8** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **9** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

There are two main themes:

- 1. We PRAISE God for His Continual DELIVERANCE. (v 1-32)**
- 2. We REMEMBER God's Response to Man's OBEDIENCE/DISOBEDIENCE. (v 33-42)**

### **1. God DELIVERS His People from WANDERING. (v 1-9)**

- He GATHERS them (3-5)
- He REDEEMS them (6-9)
- He LEADS them (7)

*"Christians shall not only enter, but abide. It is a city of habitation, not visitation."*

**William Jay**

*"Some men will never pray till they are half-starved, and for their best interests it is far better for them to be empty and faint than to be full and stout-hearted. If hunger brings us to our knees, it is more useful to us than fasting; if thirst drives us to the fountain, it is better than the deepest droughts of worldly joy."*

**Charles Spurgeon**

- He SATISFIES their soul (8-9)

*“Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, **11** for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. **12** So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. **13** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **14** He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. **15** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **16** For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.” **Psalm 107:10-16***

## **2. God RESTORES His People from REBELLION. (v 10-16)**

- People REBELLED against His Words (11)
- People’s LABOR became hard (12)
- God REDEEMS them (13-16)

*“When dungeon doors fly open and chains are snapped, who can refuse to adore the glorious goodness of the Lord.” **C. Spurgeon***

*“Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; **18** they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. **19** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **20** He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. **21** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **22** And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! **Psalm 107:17-22***

## **3. God HEALED His People from SINFUL Destruction. (v 17-22)**

- FOOLISHNESS led to sinfulness (17-18)

*“There is nothing more foolish than an act of wickedness. There is no wisdom equal to that of obeying God.” **Albert Barnes***

- God HEALS and DELIVERS them (20)
- People OFFERED sacrifices and PRAISE (22)

"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**

#### **4. God COMFORTS His People from CHAOTIC Moments. (v 23-32)**

- God reveals His WORKS (24-25)
- People were DISCOURAGED (26-27)
- God CALMED the storm (29-30)
- People PRAISED God together (31-32)

#### **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.