

Psalm 107

Summer at The Bayou - Part 3

July 7, 2024

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Introduction:

Thesis: Psalm 107 encourages, "Oh, that men would praise God for his goodness." Though we get ourselves into an array of difficult circumstances, some caused by our sin and others brought on by the trials of life, God is faithful to come to our help.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! ²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south." Psalm 107:1-3 (ESV)

God's Redemptive Pattern

Our Perspective (God's Perspective)

Wander (God dials up adversity)

Sensing Need (God proves to be our only hope)

Cry (God's Spirit gives gift of faith)

Delivery (God responds)

Worship (God glorified)

Part 1:

"⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things." Psalm 107:4-9 (ESV)

Part 2:

"¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. ¹²So He bowed their hearts down with

hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. ¹³Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. ¹⁵Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! ¹⁶For He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.” Psalm 107:10-16 (ESV)

Part 3:

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

“And the word became Flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14 (ESV)

Part 4:

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

⁴⁰He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’” Mark 4:40-41 (ESV)

Closing:

³³He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, ³⁴a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. ³⁵He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. ³⁶And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; ³⁷they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. ³⁸By His blessing they multiply greatly, and He does not let their livestock diminish. ³⁹When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, ⁴⁰He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; ⁴¹but He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. ⁴²The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. ⁴³Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.” Psalm 107:33-43 (ESV)