

"Where Are You At? It's Time to Remember and Reflect"

Psalm 107

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Hook: Where do you find yourself? Parkside, where do you find yourself?

Look: In Psalm 107, the songwriter is encouraging the redeemed to give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

Book: Remember where you came from ...

- you were in trouble (v. 2)
- different lands (v. 3)

Psalm 107:1-3

¹ 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.

The redeemed are categorized into 4 groups ...

The Wanderers (v. 4-9)

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.

Their *condition* ...

... in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in

... hungry and thirsty, their souls fainting within them

Their *response* ...

... cried to the Lord

God's *response* ...

... He delivered them from their distress by leading them to that city

Their *response* ...

General

Thank the Lord for **His steadfast love** and **wondrous works** (v. 8, 15, 21, 31)

Specific

He satisfies the longing soul and the hungry soul he fills with good things

The Sitters (v. 10-16)

¹⁰ 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.

Their *condition* ...

... in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons Why?

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God's *response* ...

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Specific

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The Foolish (v. 17-22)

¹⁷ 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,
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²² And **let them** offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Their *condition* ...

... suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and drew near to the gates of death Why?

... through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities

Their *response* ...

General

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Specific

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The Merchants (v. 23-32)

²³ 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.

Their *condition* ...

... doing business; then came the “storm” ... they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits’ end
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God is so good, His steadfast love so strong that He’ll use life’s great reversals to bring you and His people back to Him.

- God turns the “good” into “bad” (v. 33-34)

³³ 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.

- God turns the “bad” into “good” (v. 35-38)

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.

- God turns the “good” back into “bad” (v. 39-40)

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;

- God turns the “bad” into “good” (v. 41-42)

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.

**Whoever is wise, let him attend (meditate) to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD** (v. 43)

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Took: If you are currently in trouble ...

- **cry** to the Lord (v. 6, 13, 19, 28) knowing that He’ll **deliver** you (v. 6, 13, 19, 28)

If you are on the other side of trouble ...

- **thank** the Lord for **His steadfast love** and **wondrous works** (v. 8, 15, 21, 31)

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