

PRAYING PSALM 107

“Oh Give thanks unto the Lord” (Psalm 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31).

A CALL TO GIVE THANKS (1-3). Because He is good. Because His mercy endures forever. Because He has redeemed us from the hand of the enemy. THANKS FOR GOD’S GOODNESS IN DELIVERING US FROM TROUBLE (4-32). 1. God lets us wander in the wilderness as long as we need to (4-9). God guides us through the wilderness. God delivers us when we cry out to Him. When God leads us, He leads us in the right way. When God is our satisfaction we praise His goodness. NOTE: The wilderness is necessary, but the wanderings aren’t. 2. God leaves us in bondage until there is no help (10-16). Bondage is darkness. Darkness comes from rebelling against the words of God. God delivers us from darkness when we cry out to Him. When we’re satisfied with God we praise Him for His goodness. 3. God afflicts us for our sins until we cry out to Him (17-22). He saved them from their distresses. He healed them by His Word. He delivered them from destruction. We should praise God for His wonderful works. 4. God shows us His works in deep waters (23-32). If we are to do business for God, we are to launch out into the deep. God commands the storms in our lives. Sometimes God doesn’t deliver us until we are at our wits end. God promises to calm the storm if we cry out to Him. God will bring us to our desired Haven. THANKS FOR GOD’S KNOWLEDGE IN WHAT WE NEED (33-43). He turns lushness to dryness. He converts dryness to fresh springs. He supplies the needs of the hungry. He promises fruitful harvest to those who are willing to plant. He raises the afflicted and brings down the oppressed. The righteous rejoice; the wicked shut their mouths. The wise heed and understand the lovingkindness of God.

The overarching theme of this psalm is God’s goodness in leading us. God will lead you into trouble so He can deliver you from it. This is hard to comprehend, but God always leads you the right way, even when it seems like the wrong way. He does this so your satisfaction will be in God, not in your circumstances. That is how we learn to praise Him for his goodness in the midst of bad things. Sometimes God lets us wander when we are inwardly rebelling against Him. Deep waters require dependence on God for deliverance. Deep waters is where you see God work. When God delivers you from deep waters, you can praise Him for His knowledge of what you need. The purpose for troubles is to teach you to trust in the lovingkindness of God. God promises to bring you to your desired haven.