

Hurricane Harvey Special
Give Thanks to the Lord

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Theme:

God redeems people from their various adversities, traumas, and crises.

Call for the redeemed of the Lord to give thanks and to praise God, vss. 1–3

Causes for praise in four general areas are summarized, vss. 4–32

Those who are wanderers, displaced from their homes, vss. 4–9

Those who are prisoners, under divine discipline, vss. 10–16

Those who are recently healed, vss. 17–22

And those who face natural disasters, e.g., the sea and the water.

A second cause for prayer, which is second cause to praise that summarizes the whole with a meditation on the providence of God. Vss. 33–42

**Psa. 107:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good! For His mercy endures
forever.**

**Psa. 107:2, “Let the redeemed of the LORD
say so, whom He has redeemed from the
hand of the enemy,**

**Psa. 107:3, “And gathered out of the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the
north and from the south [seas].”**

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[used 101× in the Psalms and 5× in this Psalm cf., Psa. 89, 4×; Psa. 118, 5×; Psa. 119, 7×; Psa. 136, 26× because it is the repeated chorus in every verse]

Psa. 107:43,

“Whoever is wise will observe these things, and they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.”

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1. God's loyal, gracious love delivers believers from being displaced and distressed. Psalm 107:4–13

The situation

Psa. 107:4,

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תעה *ta'ah*

qal perf 3 com plur

**to err, wander, go
astray;**

**physically; from
drunkenness;
morally or spiritually**

2 Kings 21:9, “But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.”

Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Psa. 119:110, “The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.”

Psa. 119:176, “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.”

The situation

Psa. 107:5,

**“Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.” (Psa. 77:3;
142:3; 143:4)**

The refrains

Psa. 107:6, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.”

Psa. 107:8, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

cf., Psa. 107:13, 15; 19, 21; 28, 31

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צַעַק *tza'aq*

qal wawConsec 3

masc plur

to cry out, call for

help (Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

צָרָה *tzar-1*

masc sing abs

narrow, distress,

in tight place,

**under pressure
from adversity**

(Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

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Zeph. 1:15, “That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”

Psa. 107:7, “And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city for a dwelling place.”

דָּרַךְ *darakh*

hiphil stem

wawConsec 3 masc sing

to tread, walk

“When the verb occurs in the Hiphil stem, it consistently refers to God as He leads the righteous in straight paths.” (Psa. 25:5, 9; Prov. 4:11) TWOT

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**Psa. 107:9, “For He satisfies the longing
soul,
And fills the hungry soul with goodness.”**

שבע *sava*^ע

**hif perf 3 masc sing
to satisfy, fill**

שקק-2 *shaqaq-2*

**qal part fem sing abs
run about, jump,
prowl;
hitpalp. rush about**

2. God's loyal, gracious love delivers us from the darkness and death due to our own devotion to sin. Psa. 107:10–16

Psa. 107:10, “Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and irons—

Psa. 107:11, “Because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High,”

Rom. 6:16, “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”

Rom. 6:21, “What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.”

Rom. 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Rom. 8:13, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

The cause of their darkness is ultimately spiritual

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מָרָה (*mārâ*) be rebellious against, disobedient towards. 45 times in the Old Testament, all but 5 refer to rebellion against God.

נָאַַשׁ (*nāʾaš*) despise, abhor, reject, to treat with disdain

Prov. 1:30, “They would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke.”

Prov. 5:12, “And say: ‘How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction!’ ”

Prov. 15:5, “A fool despises his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.”

John 8:12, “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ ”

John 12:46, “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

The further cause of their distress is divine discipline:

Psa. 107:12, “Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help.”

**כָּנַע (*kānaʿ*) be
humbled, subdued,
brought down, low,
under, brought into
subjection (ASV, RSV
similar)**

**עָזַר (*ʿāzar*)
I, help,
support
Psa. 22:11**

The Solution:

Psa. 107:13, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

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Psa. 107:16, “For He has broken the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron in two.”

**3. God's loyal, gracious love delivers us from the self destruction due to our own practical denial of God and our sin.
Psa. 107:17–22**

Psa. 107:17, “Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted.”

Psa. 107:18, “Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.”

**עָנָה (‘*ānâ*) III,
afflict,
oppress,
humble**

Solution

Psa. 107:19, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

Psa. 107:20, “He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psa. 107:21, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Psa. 107:22, “Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.”

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4. God's loyal, gracious love delivers us from the destruction that comes from living in a corrupt world.

Psa. 107:23–32

Psa. 107:23, “Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters,

Psa. 107:24, “They see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep.”

פָּלָא (pālāʿ)

**niph'al ptcp,
be marvelous,
wonderful**

***And for His
wonderful
works to
the children
of men!***

Psa. 107:27, “They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits’ end.”

Psa. 107:28, “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.”

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Psa. 107:29, “He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. (cf., Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:9–21)

Psa. 107:30, “Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.”

Psa. 107:31, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

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Psa. 107:32, “Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, and praise Him in the company of the elders.”