

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So

This is one of my favourite Psalms. Because Bob is releasing his book and it is about his memories of how God worked in his life. I thought we'd look at the concept of remembering.

Over and over again, we see God working in our lives. We are told to remember that.

In the Old Testament God uses the different festivals and rituals to remind His people,.

***Deu 16:3** You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.*

***Deu 32:7** Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.*

***Psa 42:4** These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.*

***Psa 105:5** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

Then we get to this Psalm.

There is some directions here. V1, 8,15,2, 31, 43.

Give thanks. (or Thank the Lord)

We are told to give thanks, we are instructed to consider what God has done for us.

He first twovesres really set the tone of the whole Psalm.

***Psa 107:1** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

***Psa 107:2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble*

Why though are we to remember?

Because of what He has done to help, aid, guide, protect and care for Hisd

people.

Look at the examples here.

Psa 107:3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Psa 107:4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

Psa 107:5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Psa 107:6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Psa 107:7 He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Look at the examples.

V3 gathered from other lands. He brought the people home.

V4 Wandering the desert (Reference to the 40m years in the desert)

V6 He delivered them!

V7 Gave them a city to dwell in. (Reference to coming into the promised land)

That is enough to thank God for, so the Psalmist does.

Psa 107:8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Psa 107:9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Notice: Thank God for His steadfast love

Thank God for His wondrous work for the people.

Next we go onto more examples.

Psa 107:10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons,

Psa 107:11 for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

Psa 107:12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.

Psa 107:13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Psa 107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

A few thoughts here.

V10 – Prisoners, captives

V11 – Rebellious against God. The reason they were prisoners was because of the way they treated God.

V12- The cried to God- He heard and reacted.

V13- saves again.

So they are told to remember and thank the Lord.

Psa 107:15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Psa 107:16 For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

Then again, more examples.

Psa 107:17 Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

Psa 107:18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Psa 107:19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Psa 107:20 He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

More thanks to the Lord.

Psa 107:21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Psa 107:22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Again, more examples.

Psa 107:23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;

Psa 107:24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

Psa 107:25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

Psa 107:26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;

Psa 107:27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.

Psa 107:28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Psa 107:29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Psa 107:30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Look at these ones.

V23 – specifically talking about the maritime industry.

V24 - The sea was the great uncontrollable thing – still is. God controls even that!

V27 - The people are scared – God hears again.

V29 - Stills the storm – controls the storm, controls nature.

V30 – brings them home.

Again it leads us to thank the Lord.

Psa 107:31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Psa 107:32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Here we go again. More examples.

Psa 107:33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

Psa 107:34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.

Psa 107:35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

Psa 107:36 And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in;

Psa 107:37 they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield.

Psa 107:38 By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.

Psa 107:39 When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow,

Psa 107:40 he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

Psa 107:41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

Psa 107:42 The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

More examples

V33 – Controls the weather and seasons.

V34 – controls provides location for shelter and food production.

V38 – Blesses people

V39 – protects (and sometimes punishes!!)

V41- looks after the needy and gives them success and increase.

The ending is a bit different.

Psa 107:43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

We are told to be wise. Notice it uses the words attend to these things. IN other words remember and react. Consider what it means when God looks after us, what does it mean when God provides, cares and protects us. Think about it in your own life. How has God done this.

Let me encourage you, as Bob has written his remembering let me encourage you to also, maybe not in a book form but maybe in a Psalm or poem. Recognise what God has done and remember to give thanks.