

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED-SEVEN

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-43

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Introduction:

- A. No one is quite sure whom the Spirit of God used to write this Psalm. But, we do know that it is the word of God.
  - B. It is a Psalm of Thanksgiving to God for His greatness, His Love, His mercy and His grace.
- I. LEARN THAT THE LORD GOD DESERVES THE THANKS OF ALL PEOPLE.
- A. Thanks for He is good.
  - B. Thanks for His mercy endures forever.
- II. LEARN THAT THE REDEEMED ARE COMMANDED TO "SAY SO."
- A. We were in the hands of the enemy...Satan.
  - B. The Lord God has redeemed us.
  - C. We are commanded to "say so."
    - 1. Not what my son Jack used to say. When I would ask him if he loved me to "say so". so: His answer was "say so."
    - 2. God wants us to tell the world by word and action that we have been redeemed from our sin.
- III. LEARN THAT THE LORD STANDS READY TO HELP ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN TROUBLE.
- A. Those whose souls hunger and thirst and their souls faint in them...He will help. vs. 4-9
  - B. Those who sit in darkness and are bound in afflictions and in iron. He came to help and will help. vs. 10-16
  - C. Those who act the fool in committing transgressions against God and draw near unto the gates of death...God wishes to help and will help. vs. 17-22
  - D. vs. 23-32 Those who are cut adrift on the sea of life and are at their wits' end...He will help.
- IV. LEARN WHAT ARE THE TWO BASIC CONDITIONS ONE MUST MEET TO GET THE HELP OF GOD.
- A. WHEN their soul fainted in them THEN they cried out to God for help and He helped them. vs. 5,6
  - B. WHEN they fell down and found no help, THEN they cried out to God and He helped them. vs. 12,13
  - C. WHEN they drew near to the gates of death, THEN they cried out and the Lord God helped them. vs. 18,19
  - D. WHEN they reeled to and fro, and staggered like a drunken man, and came to their wits' end... THEN they cried out to the Lord God and He helped them. vs. 27,28
  - E. The two basic conditions in each of these are:
    - 1. They came to want and saw no hope in anything they could do.
    - 2. THEN they called upon God.
- V. LEARN WHAT IS THE EXPECTED RESPONSE FROM THOSE WHOM GOD HAS DELIVERED FROM TROUBLE.
- A. Verses 8, 15, 21, 31 all say the same...We who have been helped should sing the praises of our God for His goodness and for His wonderful works for us His people.,

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- B. Verse 22 points out that we should sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing.
    - 1. In our day, God wants us to present unto Him our bodies as a living sacrifice.
    - 2. He wants us to declare to all His wonderful works.
    - 3. He wants us to do this with rejoicing.
  - C. Verse 32 points out that we are expected to:
    - 1. Exalt the Lord in the congregation of the people.
    - 2. Praise God in the assembly of the elders.
- VI. LEARN THAT WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE WANDER FROM HIM, HE LETS THEM COME INTO TROUBLE TO BRING THEM BACK TO HIMSELF.
- A. Verses 33-42 set forth a number of times when He dealt very harshly with His own people when they sinned against Him AND how He blessed them when that turned again unto Him.
  - B. We should recognize that God reacts in the same way toward His people today.
- VII. LEARN THAT WISDOM DICTATES THAT WE OBSERVE GOD'S DEALINGS WITH HIS PEOPLE AND UNDERSTAND HIS LOVING KINDNESSES. v.43
- A. So many of God's people never really come to understand God's dealings with His people. They blame God for all the bad and consider all the good as good luck.
  - B. Were it not for God's loving kindness, we would all be consumed.
  - C. Let us be wise..
    - 1. Know that God chastens us for our sin.
    - 2. But then know that God does this to bring us back to Him.
    - 3. And all He does is a demonstration of His loving kindness.