

PSALM 107

A psalm of thanksgiving

God's manifold lovingkindness in times of trouble

PREPARATION:

Carefully read Psalm 107 seeking to answer these questions about the text:

1. With what exhortation does this psalm begin? (v. 1) What are the redeemed urged to say? (v. 2) From where have they been gathered? (v. 3) In what condition had they been? (v. 4-5) What did they do? (v. 6) How did God respond? (v. 7) What then are they now urged to do? (v. 8-9)
2. The psalmist describes others who experienced God's deliverance. What was their condition? (v. 10) Why were they experiencing these things? (v. 11) What did God do to humble them? (v. 12) What did they do? (v. 13) How did God respond? (v. 14-16)
3. What group is described in v. 17-22? Why are these called "fools"? (v. 17) How did the Lord respond to their pleas for help? (v. 19-20) What are they now urged to do? (v. 21-22)
4. What were the circumstances of those described in v. 23-32? How did God bring deliverance to these? (v. 29-30) What are they urged to do? (v. 31-32)
5. Verses 33-38 describe the power of God in reversing the conditions of men. What is God said to do to those who are wicked? (v. 33-34) The righteous? (v. 35-38)

6. Verses 39-41 contrasts God's dealings with what two groups? What does God do to each group? How do the righteous react to these judgments of God? (v. 42) The unrighteous? (v. 43)

7. What then is the point of these various illustrations? (v. 43) What thing about God do we see in them all?

KEY QUESTION:

Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.

**FOR CLASS
DISCUSSION:**



Historical and cultural setting

1. How would you define the words "redeemed" and "lovingkindness?"

2. What "formula" does the psalmist seem to use in constructing the stories of this psalm?



What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?

How might this psalm point to Jesus? (Cf. Lk. 24:44ff)

How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?