

Sermon Outline
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Thanksgiving for Redeeming Grace
November 20, 2016

Sermon Text: Psalm 107

[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

[2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

[3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Hebrews 12:5-8

1. THE WEARY TRAVELER EXPERIENCE v.4-9

[4] Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

[5] hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

[6] Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

[7] He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

[8] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

[9] For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Psalm 137

2. THE PRISON EXPERIENCE v. 10-16

[10] Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons,

[11] for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

[12] So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.

[13] Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

[14] He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

[15] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

[16] For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

3. THE EXPERIENCE OF SIN-SICK FOOLS v. 17-29

[17] Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

[18] they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

[19] Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

[20] He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

[21] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

[22] And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

4. THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE-THREATENING VOYAGE v. 23-30

[23] Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;

[24] they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

[25] For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

[26] They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;

[27] they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.

[28] Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

[29] He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

[30] Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

GENERAL PRAISE for Covenant Blessings v. 31-43

[31] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

[32] Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

[33] He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

[34] a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.

[35] He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

[36] And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in;

[37] they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield.

[38] By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.

[39] When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow,

[40] he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

[41] but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

[42] The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

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