

THEY REMEMBERED NOT

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Psalm 106:1-48

**"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 106:1**

"This Psalm begins and ends with Hallelujah—"Praise ye the Lord." The space between these two descriptions of praise is filled up with the mournful details of Israel's sin, and the extraordinary patience of God; and truly we do well to bless the Lord both at the beginning and the end of our meditations when sin and grace are the themes." (Charles Haddon Spurgeon)

Introduction: A call to praise Jehovah (1-5)

- "Praise ye the Lord" (1)
- His praise is more than man can utter (2)
- He blesses those who obey (3)
- A prayer for divine favor (4-5)

Review of Israel's Sin and God's Grace

1. At the Red Sea (6-12 – Exodus 7-14)
2. In the wilderness, fasting for meat (13-15 – Numbers 11)
3. In the rebellion led by Dathan and Abiram (16-18 – Numbers 16)
4. At the golden calf in Horeb (19-23 – Exodus 32)
5. When Israel refused to enter Canaan (24-27 – Numbers 13-14)
6. Idolatry at Baal-peor (28-31 – Numbers 25)
7. Strife at "the water of Meribah" (32-33 – Numbers 20)
8. Failure to eliminate Canaanites when God gave Israel their land (34-44 – Compare Deuteronomy 7:2, 16 with Judges 1:19-2:10; 3:5-8).

God's Response

1. "Many times did he deliver them" (43; 8-11; 17-18)
2. "He regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry" (44)
3. "He remembered them for his covenant" (45)
4. "He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them away captives" (46)

Conclusion: Prayer for deliverance (47)

Call for all to praise the Lord (48)

APPLICATIONS:

Thanksgiving is simply remembering God's kindness

Spiritual shipwreck begins with forgetting God's kindness:

- "They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies" (7)
- "They soon forgot his works, they waited not for his counsel" (13)
- "They forgot God their savior, which had done great things" (21)

Forgetting God's kindness results from failure to see His sovereign rule in all things.

"Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt" (7)

Our hearts must be captivated by the wonder of God shown in His mighty acts:

- "Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Or who can shew forth all his praise?" (2)