

# Rebellion and God’s Mercy! MERCY IN SPITE OF SIN!

Psalm 106:1-48 / 1 Cor. 10:1-14

Psalm 106— Should we care? 1 Corinthians 10: 1-14

The Book of Judges records repeated cycles:



That was the pattern all through the 300+ years or so covered by the Book of Judges.

**QUESTION: Is there anyone here today → in a cycle of sin that needs to be broken??**

Psalm 106:40: "Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance." Psalm 106:45, "**And he remembered for them his covenant.**"

GOD CONTINUES TO REMEMBER HIS COVENANT— Romans 2:28-29; Romans 9:6-7; Romans 11:25-27; Revelation: 7:4

Likewise, NEW TESTAMENT salvation is a covenant. \_\_\_\_\_ ARE BROUGHT INTO COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST:

→ JOHN 17:2

**QUESTION: SO, does this mean that THE SAVED CHRISTIAN IS FREE TO SIN!— NO!**

Hebrews 12:3-8

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**But what if ‘PROFESSING’ Believers, don't confess AND TURN FROM rebellion against God?**

HERE IS A CLEAR CONTRAST BETWEEN THE GENUINE BELIEVER AND THE COUNTERFEIT BELIEVER: Hebrews 12:6-8; 1 John 2:15-19; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

**1.** God doesn't REJECT disobedient Believers; **2.** He chastises them until they turn from their disobedience...**3.** or they die early!— whichever comes first.

1 Corinthians 11:32 is clear, "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." **NO CHASTENING??!! → NOT GOD'S CHILD!... Never was God's child! An illegitimate; an anti-Christ!**

## HIGH LIGHTS FROM PSALM 106

**1. PRAISE: Psalm 106: 1-3** Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?<sup>3</sup> Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Praise to God is reverent, cheerful, and boasting adoration in response to WHO He is and the good things He has done. IN PUBLIC, PRAISING GOD IS TELLING OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

TELLING OTHERS HOW WONDERFUL HE IS IN HIS BEING....

PSALM 100:4-5

**2. REMEMBER ME: Psalm 106: 4-5 (LORD! Remember me—** Luke 23:42) <sup>4</sup>Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; <sup>5</sup>That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

**3. REBELLION AND CONFESSION: Psalm 106: 6-12 (REBELLION at the Red Sea: Exodus 13:17-15:27)** <sup>6</sup>We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.<sup>7</sup> Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.<sup>8</sup> Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.<sup>10</sup> And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.<sup>11</sup> And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.<sup>12</sup> Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

1 Cor. 10:8-14

INGRATITUDE / FORGETFULNESS / REBELLION/GRUMBLING AGAIN! BUT → → GOD KEPT

ON BEING FAITHFUL TO HIS FAITHLESS PEOPLE! Our whole lives are but one continual providential deliverance one after another... all miraculous... all undeserved.

**4. MURMURING: Psalm 106: 13-15 (MURMURING in the Desert— Numbers 11)** <sup>13</sup>They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: <sup>14</sup>But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. <sup>15</sup>And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

1. They forgot God's miracles
  2. Self-willed, they would not wait for His guidance
  3. Blind to their blessings, they lusted for what \_\_\_\_\_ !
- 4. AND GOD SAID, " \_\_\_\_\_!"**

*"What is asked in passion is often given in wrath!"* --Matthew Henry

1. LOT
  2. THE PRODIGAL
  3. ESAU
- A sadder sight there cannot be than **DESIRES FILLED... SOULS LEAN... EMPTY!**

**5. REJECTION: Psalm 106: 16-18 (REJECTION of God's Servant Leaders— Numbers 16)** <sup>16</sup>They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram. <sup>18</sup>And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked

**6. IDOLATRY: Psalm 106: 19-23 (IDOLATRY— Exodus 20:1-21; Exodus 24; Exodus 32)**

<sup>19</sup>They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. <sup>20</sup>Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. <sup>21</sup>They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; <sup>22</sup>Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. <sup>23</sup>Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

MOSES WAS gone a mere 40 days... THE PEOPLE FLED INTO PAGAN IDOLATRY... AND a compromising Aaron led them in pagan worship! → Why?

We hate authority... We hate God's law... We love to feed our flesh... We love to yield to our EMOTIONS... AND WE LOVE TO HAVE APPROVING RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES TO OK OUR SIN!!! 2 Tim. 4:3-5

**7. FAITHLESSNESS: Psalm 106: 24-27 (FAITHLESSNESS— Numbers 13:25 - 14: 2, 27, 28)** <sup>24</sup>Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: <sup>25</sup>But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD. <sup>26</sup>Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: <sup>27</sup>To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

They elevated the opinions of men. They hated those who stood on the Word of God!

**8. SINFUL WORSHIP: Psalm 106: 28-31 (SINFUL WORSHIP— Numbers 25:1-18)** <sup>28</sup>They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. <sup>29</sup>Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. <sup>30</sup>Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. <sup>31</sup>And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

**9. A MEEK MAN'S DEADLY ANGER: Psalm 106: 32-33 (THE SIN OF MOSES— Num. 20:1-13)** <sup>32</sup>They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: <sup>33</sup>Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

This has to be one of the saddest events in all of history! What a great man... The MEEKEST man... Awesome leader... He endured... He interceded... BUT HE WAS KEPT OUT OF THE PROMISE LAND BECAUSE OF ONE OF THE SINS — NOT OF THE FLESH — BUT OF THE SPIRIT:  
**Anger**

WHEN MUCH IS AT STAKE...THERE IS A HIGHER ACCOUNTABILITY! Here was Moses...The Great Law-giver, The Great leader...And God holds Moses to the sharpest and closest account!

Ez. 33:6 / James 3:1 / **Col. 3:12-25**

**10. REPEAT DEFEAT: Psalm 106: 34-39 (SAME OLD STORY— Judges 1:27-36; 2:1-3:6)** <sup>34</sup>They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: <sup>35</sup>But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. <sup>36</sup>And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. <sup>37</sup>

Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, <sup>38</sup> And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. <sup>39</sup> Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

Compromise / Open rebellion / Refusing to be different from the world

**11. SAME CYCLES OF SIN / FAILURE: Psalm 106: 40-46— (During the days of the Judges!)** <sup>40</sup> Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. <sup>41</sup> And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. <sup>42</sup> Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand. <sup>43</sup> Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. <sup>44</sup> Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: <sup>45</sup> And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. <sup>46</sup> He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

EVEN SO: O how great was and IS God's FAITHFULNESS and MERCY!

**12. SAVE ME! SAVE US! SAVE OUR NATION: Psalm 106:47** <sup>47</sup> Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

ARE THERE THOSE HERE TODAY, DESPERATELY NEEDING TO CRY OUT:

1. SAVE ME, O LORD— SAVE MY LOST SOUL!
2. SAVE ME, O LORD— SAVE ME FROM MY BONDAGE!
3. SAVE US, O LORD— we as a nation have sinned...

IS THERE NOT A CALL FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT TO OUR HEARTS TODAY: **"HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN THE SIGHT OF GOD!"**

**13. AMEN! PRAISE YE THE LORD! Psalm 106:48** <sup>48</sup> Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

As in Nehemiah's day: When we are broken over our sin → THEN: PRAISE and the JOY OF THE LORD WILL COME FORTH Nehemiah 8-9 (1 Corinthians 10:11-14)

