

WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE MESS UP  
PART 1-NOT UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WONDERS  
PSALM 106:1-7; DANIEL 9:1-2

**Introduction**

Many, including myself, think that this *Psalm* was quite possibly penned by the prophet DANIEL while he was in BABYLON during the captivity. (*Vs. 47* suggests that it was written during that time.)

This PSALM is a CONFSSIONAL PRAYER and we know from the BOOK OF DANIEL that he was a man who knew how to pray the kind of CONFSSIONAL PRAYER that we have here in this PSALM.

Some believe that perhaps DANIEL wrote this about the same time that he poured out his heart before God as recorded in DANIEL 9. If that was the case, then DANIEL would have been about 87 years-old at that time! Keep that in mind because it becomes important later!

**Note How The Writer Begins And Ends Here By Praising The LORD! The first one is a CALL TO WORSHIP! The last one is a BENEDICTION! Both reflect on a GOD WHO is worthy of PRAISE! And as he opens the PSALM, he points to several praiseworthy things:**

1. **THE LORD'S PERSON—HE IS GOOD! (*Vs 1a*)**  
The first word "*LORD*" here is translated from the HEBREW word "*JAH*" which speaks of HIS "*COMPASSION*"! It speaks of JEHOVAH as the ONE WHO has become our salvation.

In fact, the first time this word is used is in *Exodus 15:2* where GOD is seen as the ONE WHO had just saved ISRAEL from the EGYPTIAN army at the RED SEA.

The second word "*LORD*" is JEHOVAH, HIS name that underlines HIS "*COMMITMENT*"! It is the name that is associated with GOD'S *COVENANTS* with those that HE has created and called!

The word "*good*" is associated with God and is an adjective that denotes "*good*" in every sense of that word.

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2. **THE LORD'S PITY—HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER! (*Vs 1b*)**

In the PSALMS the word translated "*MERCY*" means "*LOVINGKINDNESS*" or "*GRACE*".

Think about this thought: ISRAEL'S sins, though they were many, could NOT exhaust the LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD! And let me add—NEITHER CAN OUR SINS!

Though sometimes we might have a tendency to forget HIM, HE does NOT forget us who are HIS!

*Hebrews 13:5–6*—“5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

I found the expression "*For the LORD is GOOD*" to be associated with the LORD'S *MERCY* in at least seven passages of Scripture! My personal favorite:

*Psalm 100:4–5*—“4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; And his truth endureth to all generations.”

(*Psalm 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Ezra 3:11; Jeremiah 33:11*)

3. **THE LORD'S POWER—HIS MIGHTY ACTS! (*Vs 2*)**

*Colossians 1:16–17*—“16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

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4. **THE LORD'S PEOPLE—THE GODLY ARE BLESSED! (Vs 3)**

We know that the **LORD'S** righteousness that **HE** procured for us through the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** by **HIS** death, burial, and resurrection, is **ALL** the true righteousness that we have!

Which, by the way, makes us **BLESSED** of **HIM** as we live in **HIS** righteousness that **HE** provides!

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Now, *verse 4* is where the actual **PRAYER FOR PARDON** begins!

Here he asks the **LORD** to remember him with the favor that the **LORD** bears to **HIS** people and to visit him with **HIS** salvation! Well, wait a minute...what is that all about?

Well, this is another indication that **DANIEL** could be the author that penned this! When **DANIEL** wrote his confessional prayer found in *Daniel 9*, before his prayer began he found something important that caused him to pray that prayer!

Daniel found where the prophet **JEREMIAH** had written that the **LORD** determined **70 years of captivity** on **HIS** people! (*Daniel 9:1-2*)

In fact, the **LORD** had told the people by the Prophet **JEREMIAH** to settle in because He determined **70 years captivity** upon them! (*Jeremiah 29:4ff*) At the end of the **70 years of captivity** the **LORD** would punish **BABYLON** and return **HIS** people to the land of **JUDAH**!

The significance of that is that the 70 years of captivity was about to be accomplished which meant that the **LORD promised to return HIS people to the land of JUDAH with just one condition: He would do it when they sought HIM and prayed to HIM!**

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Hence **DANIEL'S CONFESSONAL PRAYER** in *Daniel 9:3ff!*  
But remember, **DANIEL** was about 87 years of age and **HE** wanted to live long enough to be among those who returned to **JUDAH**! I think that is what we see here in *Psalms 106:5*.

This **Psalmist** wants to live long enough to see **GOD** step back into the arena of human affairs and fulfill **HIS** own prophecies delivered by **JEREMIAH** the Prophet!

And so here in *verse 6*, he begins with a similar confession to that which we see in *Daniel 9:3-19!* He changes suddenly from the first person singular to the first person plural. In so doing he identifies himself with the nation of **JUDAH** in its sins, and he is going to confess those sins!

Notice he uses three different words for sin:

1. The word "*sinned*" means "*to miss the mark, to stumble, to fall, to come morally short.*" It suggests our propensity to "*sin by practice.*"
2. The word translated "*committed iniquity*" means "*to be bent, crooked, perverse.*" It suggests our propensity to "*sin by nature.*"
3. The word translated "*done wickedly*" expresses the idea of "*lawlessness, that restless activity of fallen man which reveals itself in restlessness*" It suggests our propensity to "*sin by choice.*"

The nation of Judah needed to confess all three: They were *sinners by their practice, they were sinners by nature, and they were sinners by choice!*

He links the sins of the nation in captivity with their fathers when he says, "*We have sinned with our fathers.*" He identified himself with the unsoundness of the nation of **JUDAH** of which he was part of it!

- i.e. **He was saying that JUDAH was where it was in his day as a nation because of what the nation had done in the past!**

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In fact, in the next part of his prayer in verse, he points out **WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE MESSED UP** which hindered them in the wilderness and continued to hinder them throughout their history leading up to their being carried away into captivity!

**THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT GOD'S WONDERS! (Vs 7)**

Think of all that **GOD** had done for **ISRAEL** to bring her out of **EGYPTIAN BONDAGE!**

**I. THERE WAS THE WONDER OF GOD'S PREPARATION!**

**GOD** is the **ONE WHO** had **MOSES** trained to be **HIS** ambassador in the court of **PHARAOH!**

**GOD** then sent **MOSES** back to **EGYPT** armed with...a **ROD...**  
No, **MOSES** was armed with the very power of **GOD** at his disposal!

**GOD** is the **ONE WHO** knew what it would take for **PHARAOH** to drive the **ISRAELITES** out of **EGYPT!**

**II. THERE WAS THE WONDER OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE!**

**GOD** used **MOSES** to bring forth 10 plagues against **PHARAOH** and the **EGYPTIANS** that ultimately led to their deliverance.

1. Blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Livestock
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Darkness
10. Death of the firstborn

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We may question why **GOD** brought 10 plagues when **HE** knew the last one would be the one that worked.

Scholars who have studied this have pointed out that the 10 plagues were directed at **TEN EGYPTIAN** gods that **EGYPT** served! I haven't studied that out but consider this—**GOD** can do whatever **HE** wishes to do for whatever reason that **HE** wishes to do it!

**III. THERE WAS THE WONDER OF GOD'S PROVISION!**

**GOD** allowed them to spoil the **EGYPTIANS** and come out with great substance. **HE** provided for them before they ever hit the road!

What did **GOD** get for the **WONDERS OF HIS PREPARATION, DELIVERANCE, and PROVISION?** Nothing but an ungrateful grumbling and complaining!

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**Conclusion**

Now listen to me very carefully, we are guilty many times of some of the same things **ISRAEL** was guilty of!

**WE** fail to understand the mighty wonders of **GOD** that **HE** has done for us!

**I. WHAT ABOUT THE WONDER OF GOD'S PREPARATION!**

**II. WHAT ABOUT THE WONDER OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE!**

**III. WHAT ABOUT THE WONDER OF GOD'S PROVISION!**

**What is the remedy for our errors?**

1. **Cry out to the Lord. (Vs 44) Confession and repentance.**
2. **Rest in the promises of God. (Vs 45)**
3. **Rest in the mercies of God. (Vs 46)**
4. **Return to the Lord. (Vs 47)**
5. **Praise the Lord. (Vs 48)**