

Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel, is with us
"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
and shew my people their transgression,
and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1

The Psalms

Study Prayerfully & Study Carefully

Psalm 107

"The Psalms number 150. They are divided into 5 books, in imitation it is thought, of the fivefold division of the Pentateuch; this division is ancient. These books begin respectively with Psalm 1; 42; 73; 90; 107. Each book is attributed to close with a doxology.

- In the first book all the Psalms are attributed to **David** except 4. (Psalm 1; 2; 10; 33) These are so-called orphan Psalms; that is, they are anonymous.
- In the second book, of the 31 psalms the first 8 are a collection of songs of the **Sons of Korah**. Seven are expressly ascribed to them; and Psalm 43, whether written by them or not was composed as a conclusion of psalm 42. This group is followed by a Psalm of **Asaph**. Then comes a group of 20 Psalms attributed to **David** with the exception of 2.... (Psalm 66; 67) The book closes with an anonymous and a Solomonic psalm (Psalm 71; 72) In this book the divine name prevailing is **Elohim** God; and 2 psalms duplicate 2 of the 1st book, substituting the word God for Jehovah. (Psalm 53; 70)
- The third book contains 17 psalms. The first 11 are attributed to Asaph, 4 to the sons of Korah, and 1 each to David and **Ethan**. This collection of psalms was gathered after the destruction of Jerusalem and burning of the Temple. (Psalm 74: 3, 7, 8; 79: 1)
- The 4th book likewise contains 17 psalms. The 1st is ascribed to **Moses**, 2 to David, and the remaining 11 are anonymous...
- The 5th book contains 28 anonymous psalms, while 15 are assigned to **David** and 1 to **Solomon...** It will be seen that the composition of the psalms ranges over a long period of time. That David was the author of the Psalms is supported by abundant early testimony, direct and indirect."
(**Westminster Dictionary of The Bible**)

As you will see from the above quotation Psalm 107 is the first psalm from book 5. It is a spiritual song of immeasurable worth. It contains **4 examples of deliverance** each of which is described in the following 4 stages:

- **The hopeless situation**
- **The cry for help**
- **Yahweh's response**
- **Time to thank the Most High**

1. Example One / Lost in a Wilderness

The hopeless situation:

Psalm 107: "4: They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5: *Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.*”

The cry for help:

Psalm 107: 6: *“Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.”*
Note this important stage towards rescue. **Believers must ‘cry’ to the LORD**; they must pray for help; they must **‘ask’** for assistance, else they risk **not** getting it.

Yahweh’s response:

Psalm 107: 7: *“And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.”*

Time to thank the Most High:

Psalm 107: 8: *“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*
9: *For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.”*

2. Example Two / In the Shadow of Death

The hopeless situation

Psalm 107: 10: *“Such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;*
11: ***Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned (spurned) the council of the Most High.***
12: *Therefore He brought down their heart with labour; they fell down and there was none to help.”*

The cry for help:

Psalm 107: 13: *“Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.”*
Note again this turning point was prayer. Then they cried ... (prayed)

Yahweh’s response:

Psalm 107: 14: *“He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.”*

Time to thank the Most High:

Psalm 107: 15: ***“Oh! that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!***
16: *For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron asunder.”*
Note the psalmist’s yearning that men may praise the LORD for His goodness. **“Oh! that men would praise the LORD”** he says.

3. Example Three / Afflicted because of Sin

The hopeless situation:

Psalm 107: 17: ***“Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.***
18: *Their soul abhoreth all manner of meat; (food) and they draw near unto the gates of death.”*

The cry for help:

Psalm 107: 19: *“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.”*

Yahweh’s response:

Psalm 107: 20: *“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”*

Time to thank the Most High:

Psalm 107: 21: ***“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”***

4. Example Four / Ventures that go Wrong

The hopeless situation:

Psalm 107: 22: *“And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.*
23: *They that go down to the sea in ships, that do **business** in great waters;*

24: These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
25: For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26: They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted **because of trouble.**
27: They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at **their wits' end.** ”

The cry for help:

Psalm 107: 28: **“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.”**

Yahweh’s response:

Psalm 107: 29: *He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.* 30: *Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.”*

Time to thank the Most High:

Psalm 107: 31: **“Oh! that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!**
32: **Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assemblies of the elders.”**

5. Conclusions

All things are possible with Yahweh. He can rescue from the very worst circumstance all who turn to Him for help. All they have to do is cry for help; and when it comes - as it surely will - they must give Him the glory so that others may know where to find deliverance when in trouble.

Yahweh can do anything:

verse 33: He can dry up flooded areas

34-37: Make barren wastes into fruitful, watered gardens

38: Bless His people till they and their cattle multiply greatly

40: He can humble the proudest unbeliever

41: And raise up the poorest of individuals

42: When He acts the righteous are overjoyed and sinners silenced

43: **“Whoso is wise (if there be any truly wise) will observe and heed these things; and they will diligently consider the *mercy and loving kindness* of the LORD.”**

Like a spiritual **First Aid** kit the message of this psalm should be held in readiness throughout life by believer and unbeliever alike; for it covers every emergency the sons and daughters of men will ever be called upon to meet.

Whoso is wise (if there be any truly wise) will observe and heed these things. In other words, the truly wise person will examine and recognize the unsearchable riches of this great psalm. We recommend it to you for study and application.

AMEN!

In the Son’s Name — For the Father’s glory.

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