

# Psalms 107

**1**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**2**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
**3**those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

**4***Some wandered in desert wastelands,*

*finding no way to a city where they could settle.*

**5***They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.*

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

**7***He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.*

**8***Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind, **9**for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.*

**10***Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,*

*prisoners suffering in iron chains,*

**11***because they rebelled against God's commands  
and despised the plans of the Most High.*

**12***So he subjected them to bitter labor;*

*they stumbled, and there was no one to help.*

**13***Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.*

**14**He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their  
chains.

**15**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

**16**for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

**17***Some became fools through their rebellious ways*

*and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.*

**18***They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.*

**19***Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their  
distress.*

**20***He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.*

**21***Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind. **22**Let them sacrifice thank offerings  
and tell of his works with songs of joy.*

**23Some went out on the sea in ships;**

they were merchants on the mighty waters.

24They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep.

25For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.

26They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.

27They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.

**28Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.**

29He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

30They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

**31Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.**

32Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

*33He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,*

*34and fruitful land into a salt waste,*

*because of the wickedness of those who lived there.*

35He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing  
springs;

36there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could  
settle.

37They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

38he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,  
and he did not let their herds diminish.

*39Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled  
by oppression, calamity and sorrow;*

*40he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.*

**41But he lifted the needy out of their affliction  
and increased their families like flocks.**

**42The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.**

***43Let the one who is wise heed these things  
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.***