

Psalm 107:1-22

Introduction: Some say that this book of the psalms parallels Deuteronomy. Remember the blessings (28:1-14) and curses (28:15-68). This psalm addresses the spiritual needs of those who have returned from the Exile in Babylon.

We need to confess God's character and conduct—107:1-3

- 1) The command to confess—107:1a (cf. Psalm 106:1)
- 2) The reasons for the command—107:1b
 - a) Because He is good [*tov*]
 - b) Because His loyal-kindness [*hesed*] endures forever
- 3) The command restated—107:2-3 What Yahweh has done
 - a) He has redeemed [*ga'al*] Israel
 - b) He has regathered [*gabats*] Israel (cf. Psalm 106:27, 47) from Babylon

When you, as a TRAVELER, seem to have lost your way: Yahweh's good and loyal actions described—107:4-9

- 1) Their difficult circumstances—107:4-5
 - a) Homeless—107:4
 - b) Unsatisfied—107:5
- 2) Their Godward response—107:6a (cf. 107:13, 29, 28)
- 3) Yahweh's good and loyal actions toward them—107:6b-7
 - a) He delivered [*natsal*] them
 - b) He led [*darak*] them
- 4) Israel should demonstrate a grateful acknowledgment of Yahweh's good and wondrous actions—107:8-9 (cf. 107:15, 21, 31)
 - a) Why?—107:9 He satisfies and fills our souls

When you seem to be a PRISONER: the psalmist explains the root cause of their troubles—107:10-16

- 1) Their two-fold rejection of God's Word—107:10-11
 - a) Recalcitrance—they rebelled [*marah*] against His Word
 - b) Contempt—they spurned [*na'ats*] the Most High's counsel
- 2) Their helpless situation—107:12
- 3) Their Godward response—107:13a
- 4) Yahweh's good and loyal actions toward them—107:13b-14
 - a) He delivered [*yasha*] them—107:13b
 - b) He brought them out [*yatsa*] of darkness—107:14a
 - c) He set them free [*nathaq*] —107:14b
- 5) Israel should demonstrate a grateful acknowledgment of Yahweh's good and wondrous actions—107:15-16
 - a) Why? He liberates

When you are a SUFFERER, with no end in sight: the psalmist further explains the root cause of their troubles—107:17-22

- 1) The heart attitude behind their circumstances—107:17-18
 - a) Foolishness [*ewil*] caused by rebellion [*pasha*]—107:17a
 - b) Affliction [*anah*] caused by perversion [*awon*]—107:17b

- c) Loss of appetite, leading to near death—107:18
- 2) Their Godward response—107:19a
- 3) Yahweh's good and wondrous works—107:19b
 - a) He saved [*yasha*] them—107:19b
 - b) He healed [*rapha*] them—107:20a
 - c) He delivered [*malat*] them—107:20b
- 4) Israel should demonstrate a grateful acknowledgment of Yahweh's good and wondrous actions—107:21-22
 - a) Offer sacrifices rooted in gratitude—107:22a
 - b) Recount His works with joy—107:22b

Take-home truth: Lord, teach me to be aware of your goodness and loyal-kindness, even when it is not immediately visible.

Next time we will finish this psalm as we look at 107:23-43