

Psalm 107:23-43

Introduction: This psalm addresses the spiritual needs of those who have returned from the Exile in Babylon.

**As a SAILOR: when the storms of life seem overwhelming—107:23-32**

- 1) Sailors/fishermen/sea merchants sometimes lose their courage and find their sailing skills ineffective during God's providential storms—107:23-27
- 2) Sailors/fishermen/sea merchants should be grateful to Yahweh and publicly praise Him for His favorable response to their prayers—107:28-31
  - a) Cf. Jesus doing something that only God can do (calming the storms on the Sea of Galilee)—Mark 4:35-41

**As a FARMER: when God's providence is more obvious—107:33-38**

- 1) Yahweh sometimes sends drought as punishment—107:33-34
  - a) Cf. Deuteronomy 28:15-68
- 2) Yahweh sends moisture for farmers—107:35-37
  - a) Cf. 107:4-9
- 3) Yahweh blesses and preserves farmers—107:38

**When everything seems to be getting reversed—107:39-42**

- 1) Yahweh brings judgment upon the wicked (Assyria and Babylon)—107:39-40
  - a) 107:40 is a quote from Job 12:21
- 2) Yahweh often reverses social standing—107:41
- 3) There are two responses to Yahweh's works—107:42
  - a) The upright rejoices (cf. Psalm 1:2)
  - b) The wicked is silent

**Summary of a wise response to Yahweh's dealings with mankind—107:43**

- Cf. Psalm 2:10
- 1) Pay careful attention to [*shamar*] God's works of providence—107:43a
    - a) Tells others about them—Psalm 9:1; 73:28; 78:4; 118:17
    - b) Seek them carefully—Psalm 111:2
    - c) Remember them (let them impact the way you live)—Psalm 77:11; 111:4
    - d) The danger of not understanding them—Psalm 28:5
  - 2) Understand and live in accordance with [*biyn*] God's loyal-kindness—107:43b
    - a) Cf. the use of *hesed* in 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31

**Review of Psalm 107:1-42**

- 1) Confess God's conduct and character—107:1-3
- 2) When you feel like a traveler who has lost his way—107:4-9
- 3) When you feel like a prisoner with no hope of release—107:10-16
- 4) When you feel like a sufferer with no relief in sight—107:17-22
- 5) When you feel like a sailor in overwhelming storms—107:23-32
- 6) When you feel like a farmer who is powerless to change the weather—107:33-38
- 7) When you feel like everything in life has been reversed/turned upside down—107:39-42

**Summary of Psalm 107**

- 1) Will we be wise and give thanks to God for His loyal-kindness?
- 2) Will we be wise and pay careful attention to His works of providence?