

“Then They Cried Unto the Lord” P. 1

PSALM 107– OUTLINE

David’s Thanksgiving Service

The Testimony Meeting of the Redeemed

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A. THESIS:

*THANKSGIVING IS A RIGHT AND RIGHTFUL
RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS AND MERCY.*

*Ps 107:1 – “O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.”*

1. We all are encouraged to give the _____ of thanks –
“Oh, give thanks...”!

(Twins: “Grace and Gratitude” – “grace for grace”)

2. We all have _____ to thank – *“...unto the LORD”!*

3. We all have _____ to be thankful and to give thanks --

• Because of His _____ DISPOSITION –
“...for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.”

• Resulting in our PERMANENT NEW _____ –
“...the redeemed of the LORD”!

4. We all have a _____ to send our thanks – *“...to HIM.”*

5. We all need to _____ our thanks and praise –
“Let the redeemed...SAY so.”

6. We know _____ to say (not just “so” or “I’m redeemed”):
“HE Is good, for HIS mercy endureth forever.”

B. TARGETS OF REDEMPTION AND TYPES OF PERSONS:

What and whom God dealt with – P. 2

1. A _____ – Wanderers, Loners – Vss. 2a-9

2. A _____ – Rebels -- Vss. 10-16

3. A _____ and AFFLICTIONS – Fools – Vss. 17-22

4. A _____ – Unstable Souls – Vss. 23-32

5. A _____ – The Proud and the Poor – Vss. 33-42

C. TURNING POINTS: Vss. 6, 13, 19, and 28 – The Refrain

*Then they cried unto the LORD in their **trouble**,
and He delivered them out of their **distresses**.*

D. THEME CHORUS: Vss. 8, 15, 21, and 31

*Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

E. TRUTH – THE WISE CONCLUSION

*Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
even they shall understand the lovingkindness
of the LORD.*

F. TEMPLATE FOR FIVE TESTIMONIES

1. Title: Target of Redemption
2. Type of Persons
3. Trouble
4. Turning Point
5. Transaction of Grace
6. Theme Chorus
7. Timeless Teaching

FIRST TESTIMONY OF REDEMPTION (Detailed) P. 3

1. TARGET OF REDEMPTION: "Associations" -> Relationships

2. TYPES OF PERSONS: Wanderers and Loners --
Released CAPTIVES, Freed SLAVES,
Wandering MIGRANTS, Emotionally DETACHED,
Emigrants, but not yet immigrants

3. TROUBLE:

ALONENESS, LOSTNESS, HOMELESSNESS,
INABILITY TO RELATE, LACK OF PERMANENT
RELATIONSHIPS OR PLACE OF BELONGING

- HAD BEEN held in the grip of an enemy (or spirit) who isolated, separated, and segregated from family put in "solitary confinement"
 - **redeemed from his hand:**
- HAD BEEN scattered in all directions, disassociated,
 - But now being **gathered out of the lands, from the east, the west, the north, and the south.**
- HAD BEEN wandering, unsettled, no direction, no destination; any horizon of hope was a mirage.
 - **They wandered;**
- HAD BEEN living in wilderness, with no life-spring, no beauty; only drab, dry landscape;
 - **They wandered in the wilderness**
- HAD BEEN walking alone on a lonely road,
 - **In a solitary way**
- HAD HAD no permanent place in which to live, relate, and belong;
 - **they found no city to dwell in.**
- HAD BEEN EXCRUCIATINGLY AWARE of unsatisfied needs and longings:
 - **'Hungry and thirsty...'**

- HAD BEEN FAINTING: disheartened, lifeless, failing in strength to go on, and wanting to give up on life:
 - **"...their soul fainted in them..."** P.4

Four stages of Being "Alone"

Aloneness – The _____ of being alone

Loneliness – The _____ of being alone,
(sometimes even in a _____)

Lonesomeness – FOCUSED _____
(for _____ special)

"Loner-ness" – The _____ and _____
to be _____ (even when it would
be possible and _____ to be with
_____ people)

4. TURNING POINT:

- **"Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses."**

5. TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

- **"And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."**

6. THEME CHORUS:

- **"Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"**

7. TIMELESS TEACHING:

- **"For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."**

GOD'S ANSWER: PSALM 68:4-6

Extol him that rideth upon the heavens by His name JAH, and rejoice before Him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious [continue to] dwell in a dry land.

THESIS

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the Redeemed...say so...

FIRST TESTIMONY (Review)

TARGET OF REDEMPTION: “Associations” → Relationships

TYPE OF PERSONS: *Wanderers, Loners*

TROUBLE:

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east,
and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
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.

TURNING POINT:

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them out of their distresses.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

7 And He led them forth by the right way,
that they might go to a city of habitation.

THANKSGIVING THEME CHORUS:

8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TIMELESS TEACHING:

9 For He satisfieth the longing soul,
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

SECOND TESTIMONY

TARGET OF REDEMPTION: “Attitudes” → Rebellion

TYPE OF PERSONS: *Rebels*

TROUBLE:

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
being bound in affliction and iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labour;
they fell down, and there was none to help.

TURNING POINT:

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
and He saved them out of their distresses.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow
of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

THANKSGIVING THEME CHORUS:

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TIMELESS TEACHING:

16 For He hath broken [and can break] the gates of brass,
and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

THIRD TESTIMONY

TARGET OF REDEMPTION: “Actions” → Results

TYPE OF PERSONS: *Fools*

TROUBLE:

17 Fools because of their transgression,
and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
and they draw near unto the gates of death.

TURNING POINT:

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he saveth them out of their distresses.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

20 He sent his word, and healed them,
and delivered them from their destructions.

THANKSGIVING CHORUS:

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TIMELESS TEACHING:

22 And let them [continually] sacrifice the sacrifices of
thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

FOURTH TESTIMONY

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TARGET OF REDEMPTION: "Altitudes" → *Reeling from Realities*

TYPE OF PERSONS: *The Unstable Souls*

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.

TURNING POINT:

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

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.

THANKSGIVING CHORUS:

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TIMELESS TEACHING:

32 Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the
people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders

*[Get established in regular worship and fellowship with God's people and under
Godly leaders, submitted to healthy authority].*

FIFTH TESTIMONY

TARGET OF REDEMPTION: "Assumptions" → *Resources*

TYPES OF PERSONS: *The Presumptuous and the Poor*

TROUBLE:

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-
springs into dry ground; 34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
for the **wickedness** of them that dwell therein.

FIFTH TESTIMONY, CONTINUED

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TURNING POINT: (*Understood insert*)

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,
and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there He maketh the hungry to dwell,
that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied
greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

THANKSGIVING CHORUS: (*Understood Insert*)

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TROUBLE: *REPEATED CYCLE – CIRCLE BACK TO START*

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through
oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth
them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

TRANSACTION OF GRACE:

41 Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction, and
maketh him families like a flock. (Psalm 68:4-6)

THANKSGIVING CHORUS: (*Understood Insert*)

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

TIMELESS TEACHING:

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity
shall stop her mouth.

TRUTH – THE THEOLOGICAL CONCLUSION:

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things
[the principles and proof of these testimonies], even
they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

APPLICATION:

Personal: Individuals

Corporate: Nations