

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO

Psalms 107 // January 1, 2023

GOD SAVES FROM THE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST

God has done amazing works among us, yet it is so easy for us to take for granted where He has brought us from. Psalm 107 says that if we are aware of God's steadfast love in our life, we should "say so." Cultivating perpetual gratitude is a necessary choice that we must be persistent in, lest we flounder in hopelessness and despair.

This psalm describes four different types of circumstances that people get into, and what they did in the midst of it. More importantly, it tells us what God's response was.

1. **Wandering Empty and Apart from God and His People: vs. 4-9**

This person is one that has been wandering through life, finding nowhere to settle. This person can't find a "city to dwell in." Ultimately, this "city" speaks of Christ, but also as the people of God, as Zion is the City of God that represents God unified with His people. This person wanders and is hungry and thirsty.

2. **Rebellion that Brings Isolation: vs. 10-16**

This person has become a prisoner of their own sin. They willfully rebel against God's Word, and went against His Wisdom. God, in turn, brings about consequences that were difficult, so much so, that they were left in isolation.

3. **Sin Brought Suffering and Near Death: vs. 17-22**

Similar to the previous person, this one had their sin take them further than they planned, and they even suffered physical and tangible affliction. They couldn't even eat, maybe because sickness or just loss of appetite, and even were brought near to death. Sometimes, our sin has actual health consequences, like addictions, some diseases like STD's, etc.

4. **Storms of Life: vs. 23-32**

This person was going about life, doing business, maybe providing for a family, but all of this was done in their own strength. God brought about a storm, and it devastated their life. Everything was gone, and it was out of their control, and not necessarily because of sin. They came to their wit's end, as their own abilities had dried up.

A FINAL WORD TO THE WISE

Verses 33 to 43 give us a synopsis of what God does among us, and the psalmist tells us that if we desire to be wise, we ought to give thought and thanks to the steadfast love of God.

Romans 11.33-36

**Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 18:28

For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?
Read **Psalm 107**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself
What can you share with your group as a personal “Say So” that you can extol and praise Him among them?

Your Life Mission
What relationships in your life would you like to thank God for that He has given you opportunity to share the Gospel with? Sometimes it can be discouraging when you don’t see fruit, but if we “Say So” about how He has provided opportunities and even “small fruit,” it can build our faith as we remind ourselves of how He is at work among us.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God’s goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week’s text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don’t need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God’s desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God’s love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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