

## Psalm 107

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good.  
His faithful love continues forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let those who have been set free by the LORD tell their story.  
He set them free from the power of the enemy.
- <sup>3</sup> He brought them back from other lands.  
He brought them back from east and west, from north and south.
- <sup>4</sup> Some of them wandered in deserts that were dry and empty.  
They couldn't find a city where they could make their homes.
- <sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty.  
Their lives were slipping away.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.  
And he saved them from their troubles.
- <sup>7</sup> He led them straight  
to a city where they could make their homes.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.  
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
- <sup>9</sup> He gives those who are thirsty all the water they want.  
He gives those who are hungry all the good food they can eat.
- <sup>10</sup> Others lived in the deepest darkness.  
They suffered as prisoners in iron chains.
- <sup>11</sup> That's because they hadn't obeyed the commands of God.  
They had refused to follow the plans of the Most High God.
- <sup>12</sup> So he made them do work that was hard and bitter.  
They tripped and fell, and there was no one to help them.
- <sup>13</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.  
And he saved them from their troubles.
- <sup>14</sup> He brought them out of the deepest darkness.  
He broke their chains off.
- <sup>15</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.  
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.
- <sup>16</sup> He breaks down gates that are made of bronze.  
He cuts through bars that are made of iron.

<sup>17</sup> Others were foolish. They suffered because of their sins.  
They suffered because they wouldn't obey the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> They refused to eat anything.  
They came close to passing through the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.  
And he saved them from their troubles.

<sup>20</sup> He gave his command and healed them.  
He saved them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.  
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.

<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings.  
Let them talk about what he has done as they sing with joy.

<sup>23</sup> Some people sailed out on the ocean in ships.  
They traded goods on the mighty waters.

<sup>24</sup> They saw the works of the LORD.  
They saw the wonderful deeds he did on the ocean.

<sup>25</sup> He spoke and stirred up a storm.  
It lifted the waves high.

<sup>26</sup> They rose up to the heavens. Then they went down deep into the ocean.  
In that kind of danger the people's boldness melted away.

<sup>27</sup> They were unsteady like people who have become drunk.  
They didn't know what to do.

<sup>28</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD because of their problems.  
And he brought them out of their troubles.

<sup>29</sup> He made the storm as quiet as a whisper.  
The waves of the ocean calmed down.

<sup>30</sup> The people were glad when the ocean became calm.  
Then he guided them to the harbor they were looking for.

<sup>31</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love.  
Let them give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people.

<sup>32</sup> Let them honor him among his people who gather for worship.  
Let them praise him in the meeting of the elders.

<sup>33</sup> He turned rivers into a desert.  
He turned flowing springs into thirsty ground.

<sup>34</sup> He turned land that produced crops into a salty land where nothing could grow.  
He did it because the people who lived there were evil.

- <sup>35</sup> He turned the desert into pools of water.  
He turned the dry and cracked ground into flowing springs.
- <sup>36</sup> He brought hungry people there to live.  
They built a city where they could make their homes.
- <sup>37</sup> They planted fields and vineyards  
that produced large crops.
- <sup>38</sup> He blessed the people, and they greatly increased their numbers.  
He kept their herds from getting smaller.
- <sup>39</sup> Then the number of God's people got smaller.  
They were made humble by trouble, suffering and sorrow.
- <sup>40</sup> The God who looks down on proud nobles  
made them wander in a desert where no one lives.
- <sup>41</sup> But he lifted needy people out of their suffering.  
He made their families increase like flocks of sheep.
- <sup>42</sup> Honest people see it and are filled with joy.  
But no one who is evil has anything to say.
- <sup>43</sup> Let those who are wise pay attention to these things.  
Let them think about the loving deeds of the LORD.

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