

Psalm 107 - Review

In chapter one-hundred-seven, part 1, we learned that we've come to a new 'phase' in the Book of the Psalms (the 5th, 'Deuteronomy book') of which the subject is "***God's Word is the Only Good***". And that's why we'll find this 5th 'book' of the Psalms revealing that all blessing for man (Genesis, 1st book), all blessings for Israel (Exodus, 2nd book) all blessing in relation to sanctuary (Leviticus, 3rd book) and all blessing for the earth and nations (Numbers, 4th book) **are bound up in the Living Word of God!** And we also learned that, while the structure of the other 'books' of the Psalms (Genesis, 1-41; Exodus, 42-72; Leviticus, 73-89; Numbers, 90-106) consists of two, or three, sections, **this book is** (like the Law of God itself) **a perfect whole**. Further, we also learned that this first Psalm (107) is, at once, its 'key-note' and 'epitome'. And thus, the subject/title of this first Psalm (107) is the '***The Delivering, and Healing, Living Word***'. This is why the Psalm began by praising the Lord (YHVH) for His great goodness, and mercy, which endures *forever*. And that's why the Psalmist called for those *who are redeemed* to praise the Lord (YHVH) for gathering them out of the lands, from all directions (north, south, east and west) of the earth. And, from our studying some history, we learned that the Psalmist was prophesying of the *future* (and *ultimate*, i.e. the final) gathering of the 'redeemed' (which are all people who believe in, and obey, Jesus Christ) when Jesus Christ returns.

In part 2 we learned that, before the 'redeemed' were 'gathered' (from the four corners of the earth), they 'wandered' (strayed) in a wilderness (even a desert, which was desolate) and didn't find any city to live in. And, in a historical sense, Israel did *have* to go through the wilderness (the desert) in order to get to the Promise Land *because* the wilderness was *in between* Egypt and the 'Promise Land', i.e. the 'land of Canaan'. And, what this teaches us is that: we too *must* go through this flesh life (and live in a world that's *very* corrupted, physically *and* spiritually) **if** we want to get to the *future* 'Promise Land' of the Millennium (Jesus' return) *and* eternity (when all the wicked ones are done away with) (Rev 20). And we also learned that, when we are walking in this 'wilderness' of life, we too can be hungry and thirsty at times; *especially* if we're not being obedient to the Lord (YHVH). But, as Jesus pointed out in Matt 6:24-34, **if** we keep our priorities in life straight (loving and obeying God *first and foremost* in our life) then He will *always* make sure we've got what we need (not lust for); and truly, He usually gives us many more blessings than that. That means, He'll not only provide for us the physical food and water (and clothing and shelter) we need, *but also* our spiritual food and water, which is (of course) God's Word. As Jesus taught us: *Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed* (John 6:27). So, striving to learn God's Word, and obey it sincerely (from the heart) is what will ensure we don't ever go hungry (physically or spiritually) while we're living in this 'wilderness' of life (a flesh body that's corruptible *and* a corrupted world).

And, as such, when we are in need of provisions, or help, we *should* ‘cry out to Him’ (in prayer), ‘in Jesus’ name’ (per Jesus’ instructions, John 14:13-14, John 15:17, John 16:23-26), for that shows we believe in, and trust, in Jesus Christ. While Moses was Israel’s intercessor while they were in the wilderness, Jesus Christ is now our intercessor (Is 53:12, Rom 8:26-27, 34, Heb 7:25) which is why we must ‘call upon’ the Lord (YHWH) in prayer, ‘in Jesus’ name’. However, whether or not He’ll help us depends on the sincerity of our heart! If we are not willing to see our sins, *and* kick them out (from the heart), then we’ll continue to be chastised by our Heavenly Father (Heb 12) *until* we do earnestly repent *and* get back to studying His Word *and* strive to *obey Him* (earnestly). And so, we also learned that, when we do these things, our Heavenly Father will *always* lead us in the ‘right way’ to a ‘city of habitation’. And, the ‘right way’ that the Lord (YHWH) leads us in is ‘the way’ of righteousness (Prov 12:28), which leads us to everlasting life (Ps 139:24). And that’s *how* we can find that great ‘city of habitation’ which is that great ‘city’ of “New Jerusalem” (Rev 3:12; Rev 21:1-2)!

And lastly, we saw the Psalmist ‘wish’ that all people would praise the Lord (YHWH) for His goodness (mercy, kindness) and wonderful works. And he ‘wished’ this because, if all people praised the Lord (YHWH), *sincerely*, that means they would worship Him... which means they would obey Him, *from the heart*. And if all people did that then, we certainly *not* have conflict, pain, anguish (etc.) in life *because* there would be no corruption in the world, which is what makes living in this world like living in a ‘wilderness’, i.e. a desolate place *because of the moral depravity!* So truly, we today (who love and serve the Lord, YHWH) also have this ‘wish’, for we too long for the time *everyone* will praise, thank *and obey* the true God, YHWH! And, one day it *will* be like that, after all the incorrigible sinners are ‘consumed away’ (Ps 104:35; Ps 37:20; Rev 20:10-15). So, truly, the Psalmist was even looking forward to the eternity, when all of God’s children will praise Him for His goodness (and wonderful works) ... *because there will be no one left who refuses to do so!*

In part 3 we learned another reason that *all* people should praise the Lord (YHWH), which is because He is *so very* gracious to fill the hungry (to satisfaction) with ‘goodness’. And this applies both physically *and* spiritually. As David wrote, in Psalm 103 (when speaking of the many benefits our Heavenly Father gives us), the Lord (YHWH) *does* give us good things to eat, *when* we love, and obey, Him faithfully. However, we also learned that, the *most important* ‘goodness’ we can be filled with is God’s Word! As Jesus so diligently taught, in John 6, even if we eat good physical food all the days of our flesh life, we will *still* die. In fact, Israel even at manna (which was food ‘from heaven’) but they too *still* died. Therefore, if we want to live *forever*, we must hunger *intensely* for the *only true* ‘goodness’ (good food) there is - and that is **truth**, which is found *only* in God’s Word (John 17:17). As Jesus said, those who hunger, and thirst, after righteousness, will be blessed; and that’s *because* they will be ‘filled’ (Matt 5:6) with the knowledge of God’s Word, which teaches us how to do what’s right. That’s why Jesus also said: *I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me*

shall never thirst (John 6:35). Jesus is the ‘bread of life’ because He is the Living Word of God (John 1:1, 14), manifested in the flesh, to teach us truth (feed us spiritually, John 10) *and* atone for our sins (John 18:37; Eph 1:7). And that’s why the words He taught us (which is the Word of God) are *what* give us *spiritual* food and thus, they are what give us *eternal* life (John 6:63). So, while we only covered one verse in part 3, we well learned the *vital* importance of studying God’s Word (for ourselves) each and every day (2 Tim 2:15). For we truly need His Word (the truth, John 17:17) *each and every day* – more so even, than our flesh body needs physical food each day.

In part 4 we learned what *can* make people *spiritually* hungry, even to the point of being famished (Amos 8:11). When people harden their heart to God’s Word they dwell in *spiritual* darkness (confusion and lies), as well as the ‘shadow of death’ (being carnally minded, Rom 8:5-8). Therefore, their own rebellion (unbelief and despising) to God’s Word is *what* enslaves them to sin, which ultimately means being a slave *to Satan*! Yet, our Heavenly Father is faithful to chastise His children so that they will (hopefully) cry out to Him for help, eventually. And He is always good and merciful (Ps 107:1) to help us, so long as we’re *sincerely* repentant. And that means we must be *truly* ready to put away our sins (from the heart), study God’s Word and strive to obey Him, *rather than* following our carnal lusts and affections (Gal 5:24). And we also learned how our Heavenly Father saves us out of our troubles. Not only does He free, and help, us *physically*, but also *spiritually*. For when we do repent, study His Word and strive to earnestly obey Him, He sends His Holy Spirit into our hearts, which helps us to understand His Word (the truth, John 17:17), so that we learn how to do what’s right. Therefore, only when we *willingly* serve righteousness (God’s Word) will we be free from sin (and Satan). As Jesus said (in John 8:31-32), the truth is what sets us free, *spiritually*, from the lies and deception that Satan has us enslaved to. So, our Heavenly Father is *well able* to save us from physical bondage, but *also all spiritual* ‘chains’ of bondage *if* we’re earnestly willing to turn our heart back to Him, study His Word and strive hard to obey Him.

In part 5 we learned that only fools (those who are *morally stupid*) follow (live their life according to) rebellion, which is transgressing against God’s Word (His *righteous* Laws that He gave us *for our benefit*, Deut 10:13). And, their perverseness (obstinate, and filthy, heart) is *what* causes them to rebel. And their rebellion is *what* causes afflictions to come upon them. So, what this boils down to is that, they truly bring upon themselves their own troubles! And that’s why they draw near to the ‘gates of death’ (spiritual death); for when they loath the only true good spiritual food there is (God’s Word) they are truly bringing about their own spiritual death. But we also learned that, even a fool can be ‘saved’ when they have a *true* change of heart and *earnestly* turn back to our Heavenly Father (in *sincere* repentance). And then we learned just how our Heavenly Father truly ‘saves’ us; it is through His healing (and delivering) Word, which is Jesus Christ. For, Jesus not only taught us what God’s Word *really* means (the truth) but He also shed His righteous blood to atone for our sins, *if only* we believe upon (and obey) Him. And we

covered many Scriptures that document Jesus Christ truly was *sent by God* to save His children (by teaching us truth *and* atoning for our sins). Therefore, *true* salvation *only* comes from accepting the Living Word (Jesus Christ), studying His written Word (the Bible), accepting His Holy Spirit (which helps us to change our heart and mind) and striving to *sincerely* obey our Heavenly Father for *the rest* of our life in the flesh (1 Pt 4:1-2).

In part 6 we learned about those who work on ships that go out to sea (i.e. sailors), for trade purposes. Because sailors spend a lot of time at sea, they, therefore, get to see the mighty works of the Lord (YHVH, #3068) which are at sea. However, they also experience the storms that arise while out at sea. And, sometimes the storms are *so fierce* that there's nothing else they can do but cry out to God Almighty (YHVH) for help! And when they do so (sincerely) the Lord (YHVH) does help them by calming the sea *and* guiding them to the safety of their desired harbor (i.e. He helps them get to their destination), which undoubtedly causes them to be very grateful for our Heavenly Father's help. And the Psalmist actually put forth this example as an analogy to teach us an important 'life lesson'. For, while we might never go onto a ship, and experience the dangers of the sea, we *will* have *some* 'rough sailing' in our own personal lives. Yet, as Peter taught us (in Matt 14:22-33), if we keep our spiritual eyes (heart and mind) upon Jesus Christ (God's Word), and call out to Him (earnestly) when we need help, then the Lord (YHVH) will *always* help us!

And further to this, we also learned that: so long as we *continue* to study God's Word, and earnestly try to obey it (from the heart), our Heavenly Father *will* see to it that *much* of our life is 'smooth sailing', simply because *we are His servants*. And He knows what we need *and* what we can handle. As, 1 Cor 10:13 promises, our Heavenly Father will never let us be tempted, or tested, above what we can handle. Yet, He will allow some 'rough sailing' in our life to come along, simply because the hard times *test our faith in Him*. And, if we succeed in trusting Him through the hard times, our faith in Him will be much, *much* stronger! Moreover, just as the sailors in this analogy had a 'desired haven', so do we desire to 'go to heaven'. And we can be assured that, so long as we continue to keep our spiritual eyes (heart and mind) upon the Lord (YHVH, i.e. God's Word), *faithfully* obey Him, *and* call out to Him when we need help (in faith), then He *will* indeed guide us to our 'desired haven' (eternal life) as well.

In part 7 we read of the *fourth* time (8, 15, 21 and here) the Psalmist has written (*verbatim*) that he wished *all* people would praise the Lord (YHVH) for His goodness *and* many wonderful works towards mankind. And, as we know by now, anytime something is repeated (in the Bible) it's done *for emphasis*. So, he *really* stressed the point that, it's better if we would just love (and obey) our Heavenly Father (*at all times*) instead of rebelling against Him, or even calling upon Him *only* when we need help! And then we also saw him 'wish' that the Lord God Almighty (YHVH) would be celebrated throughout *all the nation*, even in our government; and that's because, if people (everywhere) did this, then that would mean all people *served* our Heavenly

Father *instead of* being rebellious to Him. Truly, the world *would* be a better place if everyone loved, worshiped and obeyed our Heavenly Father!

And then we saw the Psalmist point out the power our Heavenly Father has over His creation. For, He is able to make places, that normally have an abundance of water, into dry land - even into a *dessert*. Thus, He can (and does, and will) make the land (that wicked people are living in) dry and fruitless, even like that of a dessert. And He does so *because* of the wickedness (evil things) that the people living in the land do. But, we also learned that, just as our Heavenly Father able to dry up all sources of water for the wicked, so too is He able to freely give many sources of water to those who obey Him. And thus, through those abundant water sources He blesses those *who obey* Him. So, the Psalmist gave us a clear comparison of what happens to those who *obey* the Lord (YHVH) verses *those who do not*. So, His point was that, God *uses His creation* to either bless, or punish, His children. Yet, we also learned that there's a *spiritual* lesson to this as well. For, those who are rebellious against the Lord (YHVH) will, not only have trouble getting *physical* rain, but also *spiritual* rain, which is *the truth* (God's Word, John 17:17) that we need to live *enterally* (John 6:63). So, our Heavenly Father can either 'dry up' blessings or make them flow, depending on whether we *are* obeying Him *or not*!

In part 8 we learned that those who despise God's Word (the rebellious ones) will not be allowed to be strong, and powerful, *forever*. The Lord (YHVH) promises they will be minished (lessened, and even made ineffective) *and* brought low (depressed) - through affliction (bad things) and sorrow (afflictions) - that will come upon them. So, while it might *appear* that the wicked 'get away' with their sins, they really do not, for our Heavenly Father will pour out contempt (disrespect) upon those who *make themselves* 'princes' i.e. they make themselves as though they are 'important people', even rulers, i.e. even *tyrants*. And then we saw the 'comparison' to the wicked, i.e. what happens to those who do not despise God's Word, and love (and obey/serve) Him instead. So, instead of oppression, affliction, sorrow, contempt and wandering in the wilderness, the 'poor' will be set 'on high', meaning they'll be lifted *out of* their afflictions. And this promise truly looks forward to the return of Jesus Christ (His Second Advent), for that's when all the wicked ones will be deposed while all those who have remained *faithful* servants to Him will be rewarded; not only with *eternal* life but being allowed to rule (*forevermore*) with Jesus Christ. And then we learned that the righteous (upright ones) will rejoice when they see that righteous judgment enforced! For, when *all iniquity shall stop her mouth* the wicked ones won't have anything to boast about anymore. Or, as Ps 112:10 puts it, *the desire of the wicked shall perish*! So, what this boils down to is, when the Lord (YHVH) enforces His righteous judgment (particularly when Jesus Christ returns at His Second Advent), the lies of the wicked will be put to an end (i.e. forced to shut up). And lastly, we learned how the Psalmist ended this beautiful Psalm (that has been speaking of the 'Delivering, and healing, Living Word') by pointing out that those who are 'wise' *will* understand the things written in this Psalm, i.e. the

wicked will be punished and the righteous will be saved, and healed, by the Living Word, which is Jesus Christ (John 1;1,14, etc.).

So, this beautiful Psalm has done an excellent example of explaining that God's Word (Jesus Christ) brings us *everlasting* life (John 3:16, 6:63, 17:3, etc.) and that's *why* God's Word is *what* delivers (saves) and heals us (even spiritually). For, if we learn God's Word, *and obey it wholeheartedly*, we'll not only be healed (spiritually) but we'll be delivered from the wrath of God [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/418>], when Jesus Christ returns to depose the wicked of the earth. So, all these examples (in this Psalm 107) lead us to a *profound conclusion*: that the Lord *deserves* our sincere praise and worship; and His faithful (and consistent) love, grace, mercy and righteousness, ought to be *forever* in the minds of His children. Moreover, let us not forget that: just as our Heavenly Father has the ability to change a dessert into a flourishing place, *and* to calm the stormy winds, and waves, of the sea... so too is our Heavenly Father (via the healing power of the Living Word) able to help us put off our 'old man', *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), so we no longer want to *serve sin any longer* (Rom 6:6). And how does He do this? By *renewing in the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) **as we study His Word sincerely, and consistently**, (Col 3:10); for the Holy Spirit **will** help us put on the 'new man', *which is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24) **if** we 'continue' to (#3306) 'abide' in Him (John 8:31-32, 15), which means continue to *earnestly* study His Word *and* strive to obey Him, *from the heart* ...

*16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, **yet the inward man is renewed day by day.***

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

*18 While we **look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen**: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

2 Cor 4:16-18

AMEN.