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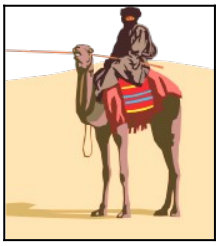
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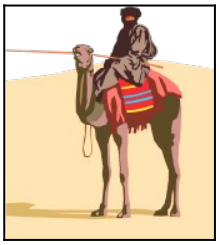
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v. 1
God’s goodness is a constant reason for praise. He gave us life, health, and all blessings material and spiritual.

But His goodness is particularly demonstrated in His display of mercy. A compassionate pity which flows like a river which never runs dry.

v. 2
Those most keenly aware of God’s mercy are His redeemed people. The redeemed are those who have been purchased by God and released from the domination and control of the enemy.

v. 3
God has redeemed people from every corner of the earth.

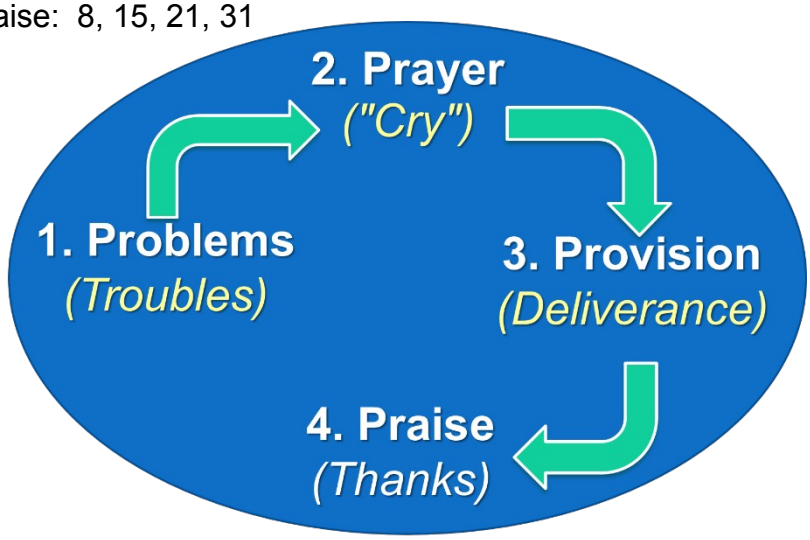
Hymn - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The theme that flows through Psalm 107 is the lovingkindness (steadfast, loyal love) of God.

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--A cry of desperation: 6, 13, 19, 28

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The book of Judges follows a similar pattern as Psalm 107. During a time period when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6; 21:25), God proved faithful at forgiving His repentant people.

Despite the consistency of their pattern of disobedience and reaping the consequences for it, God was faithful to hear Israel's cry and to respond (II Chron. 7:14 - "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.")

The cycle of God's deliverance in Judges:
1. Sin
2. Suffering
3. Supplication
4. Salvation
5. Satisfaction

Othniel's deliverance (3:7-11)
Ehud's deliverance (3:12-15)
Deborah's and Barak's deliverance (4:1ff)
Gideon's deliverance (6:1-9, 14)
Jephthah's deliverance (10:6ff)
Samson's deliverance (13:1ff)

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A. Problems (v. 4-5)

v. 4
"Wilderness" – desert (like the Sahara or Arabian deserts)

"Solitary" – all alone; no help from any man

"Solitude is the great intensifier of misery. The loneliness of a desert has a most depressing influence upon the man who is lost in the boundless waste.

v. 5
Nothing was offered the spiritually barren souls which could satisfy their hunger and thirst. Neither the world nor religion could meet their need.

"The soul fainted" – in deep despair, they were at the end of their rope, ready to quit, about to give up all hope.

B. Prayer (v. 6a)

They prayed:

--at the right time ("then")

--in the right manner ("cried")

--to the right Person ("to the Lord")

"Then they cried" – When they had nowhere else to turn, in desperation they cried out to God.

People are often reluctant to call out to God at such times because they feel unworthy, having not called earlier. But God often allows us to enter desperate situations where we have nowhere else to look except to Him.

God will often allow trials that are too big for us to handle on our own, so that we would come to a point of dependence.

"Then they cried" – denotes a crashing thunderous cry of great emotion due to extreme grief and anxiety.

"In their trouble" – "Not before, not after, but in it. When they were in the midst of it, when trouble was wrapped around their head, as the weeds were wrapped round the head of Jonah, when they were surrounded by it, and could see no way out of it." (Spurgeon, Treasury of David, p. 413).

C. Provision (v. 6b-7)

v. 6b
"He delivered them" – The most graphic Old Testament example of God's deliverance was Israel's exodus from Egypt and the Read Sea miraculous crossing (SEE: Psalm 106:6-10).

v. 7
Thank God for directing the paths of those who acknowledge Him (Prov. 3:5-6).

That "city of habitation" for the Old Testament Israelite would be Jerusalem, but for us, it is Heaven and the New Jerusalem.

D. Praise (v. 8-9)

Illustration of the wanderer = The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24

II. He Sets the PRISONER Free! (v. 10-16)

A. Problems (v. 10-12)

v. 10
Jesus Christ came to earth to deliver those who were sitting in darkness at death's door, chained in the dungeon of sin.

Luke 1:79
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

v. 11
"Contemned" - spurned, ignored, due to viewing His Word with disgust. When we ignore His Word, we sit in sin's prison cell and rot there!

v. 12
"The way of the transgressor is hard."

B. Prayer (v. 13a)

C. Provision (v. 13b-14)

v. 14
Israel's deliverance from their bondage in Egypt and Babylon is an illustration of God's rescue.

D. Praise (v. 15-16)

Illustration of the condemned prisoner = The Thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43) And Barabbas

III. He Makes the AFFLICTED Whole! (v. 17-22)

A. Problems (v. 17-18)

On my first trip to India, I became so ill that the last thing I wanted was food. Just the smell of it made me nauseous.

Afflicted = physical affliction

Much sickness (though not all) is the direct result of sin
(I Cor. 11:30; Ps. 32:3-4)

B. Prayer (v. 19a)

C. Provision (v. 19b-20)

v. 20
"He sent His Word" – the Word of God is the great Physician's remedy.

His Word via His preacher or by some other means comes to the rescue!

D. Praise (v. 21-22)

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IV. He Keeps the VOYAGER Safe! (v. 23-32)

A. Problems (v. 23-27)

v. 26
Nothing is quite as fearful as the raging sea.

(ILLUS: the disciples is the boat during a storm)

A raging storm at sea is something man has absolutely no control over.

B. Prayer (v. 28a)

C. Provision (v. 28b-30)

v. 29

Jesus is this captain of the sea. He controls the waves (SEE: Matthew 8:23-27; Psalm 89:9 - "Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.")

D. Praise (v. 31-32)

Illustration of the troubled voyager = Jonah (Jonah 1-2)

God can turn favorable conditions into bad conditions
And He can turn bad conditions into favorable conditions

CONCLUSION: Verses 33 - 43

Many times we are so disgusted with ourselves, so defeated, knocked down so many times by the same sins . . . that we wonder, "Can God be merciful again? Will He deliver?"

Yes, He will.

The statement, "If you got yourself into it, then you alone must get yourself out of it" -- is not true! God delivers!

Why did Jesus come?

Luke 1:79 - "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide
our feet into the way of peace."

Is. 61:1 - "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to
preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." (cp. Lk. 4:18-19)

Hymn - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Hymn - "Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior"

The song Katie wrote: Cry Unto Me (on the Path of Life CD)

Call unto God (verses):

Genesis 4:26
And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

1 Chron. 16:8
Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

Psalm 105:1
O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Psalm 116:13
I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Romans 10:13
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 Cor. 1:2
Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Psalm 18:3
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalm 55:16
As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

Psalm 86:5
For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Isaiah 55:6
Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Exodus 14:10
And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.

Numbers 12:13
And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

Deut. 26:7
And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

Judges 3:9
And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

Judges 3:15
But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

Judges 6:6
And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord.

1 Kings 17:20
And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

2 Kings 20:11
And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

2 Chron. 14:11
And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

Neh. 9:4
Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.

Psalm 3:4
I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Psalm 18:6
In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Psalm 30:2
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Matthew 15:22
And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

2 Samuel 22:4
I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalm 4:3
But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Psalm 145:18
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

2 Tim. 2:22
Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

God's phone number:

Jeremiah 33:3
Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.