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(God's Enduring Merciful Love)

Psalm 107:1-43

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INTRODUCTION: Verses 1 - 3

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A. Problems (v. 4-5)
B. Prayer (v. 6a)
C. Provision (v. 6b-7)
D. Praise (v. 8-9)

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

A. Problems (v. 10-12)
B. Prayer (v. 13a)
C. Provision (v. 13b-14)
D. Praise (v. 15-16)

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

A. Problems (v. 17-18)
B. Prayer (v. 19a)
C. Provision (v. 19b-20)
D. Praise (v. 21-22)

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

A. Problems (v. 23-27)

B. Prayer (v. 28a)
C. Provision (v. 28b-30)
D. Praise (v. 31-32)

CONCLUSION: Verses 33 - 43

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Hymn - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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

Key verses in Psalm 107 -

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

--A call for praise: 8, 15, 21, 31

1. Problems (Troubles)

2. Prayer ("Cry")

3. Provision (Deliverance)

4. Praise (Thanks)

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)

V. 3
Verses 4 - 32 involve four pictures of God's deliverance.

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

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

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Afflicted = physical affliction

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

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Illustration of the sick fool = Hezekiah (II Kings 20:1-6)

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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)

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"

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