



A Walk Through Psalm 107 – Part 1

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| 1 | Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. | Substantiation/Reason for giving thanks – the goodness and lovingkindness of God.
Temporal – this goodness and lovingkindness is eternal
So the beginning point of this Psalm is the eternal unchanging character and majesty of God. |
| 2 | Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary | Locative/Implied Substantiation – the redeemed were in the grasp of the enemy the location is not specific in fact nebulous.
The Lord is portrayed as He who saved from this situation/location. The implication is this redemptions should be acknowledged. |
| 3 | And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south. | Continuation of the previous point – Locative – Particularization of from where the redeemed were gathered. |
| 4 | They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city. | Becoming more specific Locative Particularization – in the wilderness specifically the desert
Problem: they could not find an inhabited city. |
| 5 | They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them. | More expansion of their condition physically hungry and thirsty.
Then – Locative – their internal condition was deteriorating. |
| 6 | Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. | Temporal/Sequence/Effect – they cried out – in = locative in a sense they were situated, dwelling in a state of trouble.
The Lord delivered them out of = locative again in a sense and based on the next verse physical reality... |

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- 7 He led them also **by** a straight way, **To** go **to** an inhabited city.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord **for** His lovingkindness, And **for** His wonders to the sons of men!
- 9 **For** He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled **with** what is good.
- 10 There were those who dwelt **in** darkness and **in** the shadow of death, Prisoners **in** misery and chains,
- 11 **Because** they had rebelled against the words of God **And** spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 **Therefore** He humbled their heart **with** labor; They stumbled and there was none to help.
- 13 **Then** they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them **out** of their distresses.
- 14 He brought them **out** of darkness **and** the shadow of death **And** broke their bands apart.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the Lord **for** His lovingkindness, And **for** His wonders to the sons of men!
- 16 **For** He has shattered gates of bronze And cut bars of iron asunder.
- 17 Fools, **because** of their rebellious way, And **because** of their iniquities, were afflicted.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they drew **near** to the gates of death.
- 19 **Then** they cried out to the Lord **in** their trouble; He saved them **out** of their distresses.
- 20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them **from** their destructions.

Instrumentation/Means – led by a straight way; there was no detour or side trip. “To” Purpose – the aim of the leading was “to” Locative – an inhabited city

Causation/Result – the psalmist states that the appropriate response to what the Lord has done is thankfulness.

Substantiation – this is interesting. Here the psalmist is substantiating thankfulness by echoing the solving of the problem in verse 5 – but he moves the argument from physical to spiritual. He equates the physical hunger and thirst in 5 to a spiritual hunger and thirst.

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- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord **for** His lovingkindness, And **for** His wonders to the sons of men!
- 22 Let them **also** offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, **And** tell of His works **with** joyful singing.
- 23 Those who go down **to** the sea in ships, Who do business **on** great waters;
24 They have seen the works of the Lord, And His wonders **in** the deep.
25 **For** He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, Which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They rose **up** to the heavens, they went **down** to the depths; Their soul melted away **in** their misery.
27 They reeled and staggered **like** a drunken man, And were at their wits' end.
- 28 **Then** they cried to the Lord **in** their trouble, And He brought them **out** of their distresses.
29 He caused the storm to be still, **So that** the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 **Then** they were glad **because** they were quiet, **So** He guided them to their desired haven.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord **for** His lovingkindness, **And for** His wonders to the sons of men!
- 32 Let them extol Him **also** in the congregation of the people, And praise Him **at** the seat of the elders.
- 33 He changes rivers into a wilderness And springs of water into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt waste, **Because** of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
- 35 He changes a wilderness into a pool of water And a dry land into springs of water;
36 And **there** He makes the hungry to dwell, **So that** they may establish an inhabited city,
37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, And gather a fruitful harvest.
38 **Also** He blesses them **and** they multiply greatly, **And** He does not let their cattle decrease.
39 **When** they are diminished and bowed down **Through** oppression, misery and sorrow,

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- 40 He pours contempt upon princes And makes them wander **in** a pathless waste.
- 41 **But** He sets the needy securely on high **away** from affliction, And makes his families like a flock.
- 42 The upright see it and are glad; **But** all unrighteousness shuts its mouth.
- 43 Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things, And consider the lovingkindnesses of the Lord.