

=Story Behind the Psalm=

Psalm 107

NOTE: *These lessons are designed simply as a guideline. As a Sunday School teacher part of your job is to study the lesson and develop it for the pupils in your class according to their age and spiritual development.*

Scripture: Psalms 107

AUTHOR: Probably Ezra

The Story Behind the Psalms

Ezra was helping Zerubbabel rebuild the temple. When the foundations were laid, Ezra wrote this Psalm.

The Way It Was Used by God's People

When the foundations of any building were laid, this Psalm might be sung. The foundations of a house, the foundations of a synagogue or even a public building often were poured to the singing of Psalm 107.

LESSON:

We find Ezra makes this statement four times, "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" This Psalm is divided into four segments of Praise by Ezra.

- 1. God is good toward man because He satisfies.** Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8-14).
 - a. He satisfies our needs (verse 9)
 - b. He satisfies our desires (verse 9)
 - c. He satisfies our distresses (verses 10-14)
- 2. God is good toward man because He delivers.** Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:15-20)
 - a. He delivers those who are captive (by false accusation or persecution)(verse 16)
 - b. He delivers the fools from his foolishness (sin, addiction)(verse 17)
 - c. He restores the wounded soul and spirit (verse 18)
 - d. He delivers those who have no other help (verse 19-20)
- 3. God is good toward man because of His grace.** Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:21-30)

- a. Grace is giving man what he does not deserve.
 - b. God allows man to continue serving Him (verse 22)
 - c. God allows man to praise Him and speak of Him (verse 22)
 - d. God protects them as they labor (verse 23)
 - e. They witness and partake of His miracles (verse 24)
- 4. God is good toward man because of His omnipotence.** Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:31-43).
- a. God can change the enemies blessings into a curse in a moment (verses 33-34).
 - b. God can bring a blessing through nothing for His people (verse 35).
 - c. God can bless you in a supernatural way (verses 36-37).
 - d. He provides in a way that never diminishes (like the raven feeding Elijah or the feeding of the 5,000)(verse 38).
 - e. He protects His people from the enemy in a miraculous ways (verse 39-42)

Memory Verse: *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”* Psalm 107:8