

Seeing & Responding to the Goodness of God

Psalm 107

November 17, 2024

Book 5 of Psalms is a focus on praise, beginning with Psalm 107.

vv. 1-3 - Declaration of God's goodness

vv. 4-32 - Portraits of God's goodness

Pattern in 4-32

Calamity → Cry → Salvation → Thanksgiving

vv. 4-9 - Wilderness

vv. 10-16 - Darkness of exile

vv. 17-22 - Foolishness of sin

vv. 23-32 - Dangers at sea

Four times - *They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress...Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man.*

1. Recognize the _____ of God and _____ Him in All Circumstances

v. 42 - The upright see it. See what? God's goodness

The problem? We don't always recognize God's goodness.

The people cried to God. Why? Because He is the one to deliver them. Why can they trust Him to do that? Because He is good, powerful, and wise.

Psalm 46:1-3

2. Take _____ and Be _____ in God's Goodness

v. 42 - The upright are glad.

God's goodness is not necessarily seen in giving you the things of this life but in giving you Himself.

Psalm 46:6-7

Where does gladness come from? The river of joy Himself!

Psalm 46:8-10

3. Give _____ to God for His Goodness

Common in Psalms: 50:21, 30:11-12

How is His goodness most fully shown to us? In the Gospel.

Romans 5:8 - *But God's love is seen in that he died for us while we were still yet sinners.*

1 John 4:19 - *We love because he first loved us.*

Meditation

- What has changed about my understanding of God?
- What did Scripture teach me about myself?
- What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?
- James 1:17 says that every good thing comes from God? What do I need to return thanksgiving to God for?
- What areas in my life am I struggling to trust God's goodness? Pray that the Lord will help you to see His goodness and be glad in Him.

