



Give Thanks to the Lord
Psalm 107:1-43
Thanksgiving Sunday – October 13, 2024
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Theme: **Thank God for His steadfast lovingkindness.**

Consider God's steadfast lovingkindness.

1. It goes hand in hand with His goodness. (1)
2. It is everlasting. (1; see also Psalm 106:1; Psalm 118:1-4; Psalm 136:1)
3. It redeems. (2-3; see also 3-41)
4. It is part of His sovereignty over all. (33-42)

Consider examples of God's lovingkindness.

1. Guiding those wandering in the wilderness.
(4-9; see also Matthew 9:36; 11:28-30; John 4:10-14; 6:32-35; 10:11, 14)
2. Releasing those suffering in prison.
(10-16; see also Romans 7:19-25; 2 Corinthians 2:14)
3. Healing those aching with illness. (17-22; see also John 9:1-3; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32)
4. Rescuing those reeling on stormy seas. (23-32; see also Matthew 8:23-27)

Consider your response to God's lovingkindness.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary.*

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. I trust you are enjoying this Thanksgiving Day and giving thanks to God. God's lovingkindness, His faithful and steadfast love is part of His character. As the apostle John wrote, "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16). This week we review the four examples of God's lovingkindness in Psalm 107, beginning with guiding those wandering in the wilderness (4-9).

Tuesday. The second example of God's lovingkindness is releasing those in prison, even those who suffer bondage because they rebelled against God (10-16). We know that many Old Testament, New Testament and church age believers died in bondage because of persecution (the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is coming up on November 3).

Wednesday. The third example of God's lovingkindness in action is His healing those with illness, even those whose illness was the result of foolishly rebelling against Him (17-22). There are difficult questions here. Physical healing is not guaranteed to all believers on the basis of Christ's death and resurrection.

Thursday. The last example of God's lovingkindness the Psalmist gives us is God rescuing people reeling on stormy seas (23-32). We are not sailors, but we know what it is like to reel, stagger and be at our wits end in stormy times, circumstances. We also know that God in His lovingkindness gives us wisdom and direction, He brings us through the storm. Thank God for the storms He has led you through, and for the experiences of others that you know.

Friday/Saturday. Next Sunday we plan to complete our series in the book of Ecclesiastes. Read through chapter 12 verses 9 through 14 as you prepare for our time of worship together.