

Hurricane Harvey Special
Give Thanks to the Lord

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God IS in Control
Psalm 107:33-43**

Theme:

God redeems people from their various adversities, traumas, and crises.

Call for the redeemed of the Lord to give thanks and to praise God, vss. 1–3

Causes for praise in four general areas are summarized, vss. 4–32

Those who are wanderers, displaced from their homes, vss. 4–9

Those who are prisoners, under divine discipline, vss. 10–16

Those who are recently healed, vss. 17–22

And those who face natural disasters, e.g., the sea and the water.

A second cause for prayer, which is second cause to praise that summarizes the whole with a meditation on the providence of God. Vss. 33–42

Psa. 107:1,

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy [*chesed*, ‘faithful, loyal love’] endures forever.”

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צַעַק *tza'aq*

qal wawConsec 3

masc plur

to cry out, call for

help (Psa. 107:6, 13, 19, 28)

צָרָה *tzar-1*

masc sing abs

narrow, distress,

in tight place,

**under pressure
from adversity**

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נצל *natzal*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing
to take away, deliver
physically, or save
spiritually (Psa. 107:6)**

ישע *yasha*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing to
deliver, save (Psa. 107:13, 19)**

יצא *yatza*

**hif imperf 3 masc sing
to go out (Psa. 107:28)**

מצוקה *metzuqah*

**comm fem plur constr
distress, external
pressure, affliction,
distress, grief,
suffering, stress,
tribulation, trial
(Psa. 107:6, 13, 19,
28)**

Psa. 107:8, “Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

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FIVE Reasons We Suffer

1. Adamic Responsibility; the result of the fall of Adam.
2. Individual Volitional Responsibility; Gal. 6:7
3. Divine Discipline: an intensification beyond the natural consequences for the action.
Heb. 12:6, 7
4. Associated with someone involved in 2 or 3.
5. Living in the *kosmic* system, the devil's world.

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*God's Providence***



1. Definition:

God's regulation and protective care for all His creation and creatures with special emphasis on His oversight of human history, all people, and especially His people. God cares for His own and provides, protects, and sustains us throughout our lives.

2. The Christian doctrine of divine providence is based on God's character, specifically His attributes of sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, righteousness, justice, and love for His creation.

3. Satan and the kosmic system have various counterfeits set forth in various false religions, pop culture, and pseudo-philosophy.

Such as impersonal *fate*, “the universe,” luck, serendipity, etc.

4. The doctrine is grounded on a number of passages. Col. 1:15–17

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Col. 1:17, “And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.”

Matt. 5:45, “... for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

5. God regulates the universe both directly and indirectly, or as described in terms of His special and general providence.

Psa. 22:28, “For the kingdom is the LORD’S, and He rules over the nations.”

Psa. 75:7, “But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.”

Job 5:10, “He gives rain on the earth, and sends waters on the fields.”

Job 9:5, “He removes the mountains, and they do not know when He overturns them in His anger;”

Job 9:6, “He shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble;”

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

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**מִן *min* Particle
prep
“from” indicates
source or reason
for something**

**רָעָה *ra'ah* comm
fem sing constr
evil, bad,
wickedness,
misery, distress**

Similar to the five cycles of discipline:

The first cycle:

Lev. 26:15, “and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant,

Lev. 26:16, “I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.”

Similar to the five cycles of discipline:

The second cycle:

Lev. 26:19, “I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.”

Lev. 26:20, “And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.”

Similar to the five cycles of discipline:

The fourth cycle:

Lev. 26:26, “When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.”

Similar to the five cycles of discipline:

Fifth cycle

Lev. 26:29, “You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.”

Summary of “curses” in Deut. 28:15ff

Deut. 28:17, “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.”

Deut. 28:18, “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.”

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Psa. 107:37, “And sow fields and plant vineyards, that they may yield a fruitful harvest.

Psa. 107:38, “He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.”

Blessings, Lev. 26:1–13

Lev. 26:3, “If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,

Lev. 26:4, “then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Lev. 26:5, “Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; You shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.”

Lev. 26:9, “For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.

Lev. 26:10, “You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.”

Blessings, Deut. 28:1–14

Deut. 28:4, “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.”

Deut. 28:5, “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.”

Deut. 28:11, “And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.”

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Psa. 107:4, “They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.”

Psa. 107:7, “And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city for a dwelling place.”

Heb. 11:10, “for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

Heb. 11:16, “But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”

Heb. 12:22, “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,”

Psa. 107:39, “When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

Psa. 107:40, “He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;

Psa. 107:41, “Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, and makes their families like a flock.

Psa. 107:42, “The righteous see it and rejoice, and all iniquity stops its mouth.”

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