

BOOK V - Psalms 107-150.

Psalm 107: Redeemed.

This psalm is a call to praise addressed to the redeemed of the Lord.

1-3: God should be thanked for His enduring loyal love, especially by **the redeemed** who benefit from it. The Psalm may have been written during the Babylonian Exile because of the words in verses.

4-32: There are four examples of the Lord's redemption of His people. In each case the people pleaded for the Lord to help them out of their distress and He did so. Also in each case the psalmist urged the people to thank God for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds.

4-9: First, He delivered **some** from wandering in the wilderness. Unable to find their way, **hungry, thirsty** and dying, they **cried to the LORD** and **He led them** to safety. So people should praise the LORD because He satisfied them **with good things**.

10-16: Second, the Lord released **prisoners** from bondage. Those who were chained in dark prisons because **they had rebelled against God** cried out and were freed from the **darkness** and **chains**. So people should praise **the LORD** because He delivers from bondage.

17-22: Third, **the LORD** delivered the sick from death. When rebellious sinners were afflicted and **near the gates of death**, they **cried out to Him** and **He restored them**, healing them by **His word**. So people should praise the LORD and **sacrifice give offerings** because of their restored health.

23-32: Fourth, God delivers sailors in trouble at **sea**. Mariners see His **works** as He calls up a storm (**tempest**). **Their courage** melts, and being **out smarted**, they call on Him. He calms **the storm** and delivers them from their danger, guiding them safely to their destination. So people should praise **the LORD in the assembly**.

Exodus 15:13 - *You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.*

Psalm 71:23 - *My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed.*

Revelation 5:9 - *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*

1 Peter 1:13-19...

33-43: The Psalmist spoke of the LORD as Governor of the world.

The Lord has great power over nature. He can turn a **desert** into a watered area or conversely He can make a **fruitful land** become a wasteland. He does this **because of the wickedness of** the people in the land.

He humbles and brings down the proud, but He lifts up the poor and **needy**. So the redeemed praise **the LORD but the wicked** are silenced.

Psalm 108: Through God.

This is a song of triumph in praise of the Lord's loyal love, given with the full expectation that all His enemies will be destroyed in their own devices.

1-6: David sang this song of triumph in praise of God's **great love** and remarkable **faithfulness**. He desired that God **be exalted over all the earth** so that His saints might **be delivered**. His **right hand** suggests His power.

7-13: David was convinced that the Lord will overpower the tribes of the earth to **Judah**. Realizing his need for God's leadership, he prayed for help **against** his **enemies** in full confidence that **God** would destroy them.