



“Amazing Love!”

Psalm 107:1-43 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *There is no better way to begin a new year than to focus on God’s amazing love for us. The Psalmist paints a striking picture of God’s love.*

I. A Song About God’s Love.

- A. Psalm 107 is a song.
 - 1. It’s lyrical and poetic.
 - 2. It’s a song for worship.
 - 3. It is carefully arranged around a theme: God’s love.
- B. God’s love isn’t just any kind of love, but a “steadfast love.”
 - 1. The Hebrew word is “Hesed.”
 - 2. Hesed is a loyal, covenantal love, attached to God’s personal name “YHWH” in the Bible.
- C. The point of Psalm 107 is best understood by looking at the last verse (43)
- D. Biblically, what does it mean to be wise?
- See Proverbs 9:10.
- E. If we want to be wise, we will “give heed to these things.”
- F. What things?
- G. Psalm 107:43 is both an invitation and a promise.

II. Meditating on God’s Love.

- A. Look at, ponder and meditate on the loving deeds of the Lord.
- B. Psalm 107 describes some of the wonderful deeds of the Lord.
- C. God’s love will only make sense in the framework of Biblical history: (Creation – Fall – Redemption), which we learn from the revelation of God’s Word.
- D. How do we see God’s Love in His wonderful deeds in Psalm 107?
- E. Psalm 107 has 4 stanzas that represent 4 different kinds of people.
 - 1. (4-9)
 - 2. (10-16)
 - 3. (17-22)
 - 4. (23-32)
- F. They all have one thing in common.

III. The Transforming Power of God’s Love.

- A. Meditating on God’s love in this Psalm, should lead us to conclude that God’s love is impossible!
 - 1. The sick and afflicted (17-22)
 - 2. The prisoners (10-16)
- B. God puts them in prison, and then cuts them out! How? Why?

Conclusion

Psalm 107

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He
has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

3 And gathered from the lands, From the east and
from the west, From the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert
region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city.

5 *They were* hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted
within them.

6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He delivered them out of their distresses.

7 He led them also by a straight way, To go to an
inhabited city.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His
lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of
men!

9 For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the
hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

10 There were those who dwelt in darkness and in
the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and
chains,

11 Because they had rebelled against the words of
God And spurned the counsel of the Most High.

12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;
They stumbled and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their
trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the
shadow of death And broke their bands apart.

15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His
lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of
men!

16 For He has shattered gates of bronze And cut
bars of iron asunder.

17 Fools, because of their rebellious way, And
because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they
drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their
trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed them, And
delivered *them* from their destructions.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His
lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of
men!

22 Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And tell of His works with joyful singing.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do
business on great waters;

24 They have seen the works of the LORD, And His
wonders in the deep.

25 For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind,
Which lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down
to the depths; Their soul melted away in *their*
misery.

27 They reeled and staggered like a drunken man,
And were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
And He brought them out of their distresses.

29 He caused the storm to be still, So that the
waves of the sea were hushed.

30 Then they were glad because they were quiet,
So He guided them to their desired haven.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for His
lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of
men!

32 Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the
people, And praise Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He changes rivers into a wilderness And springs of
water into a thirsty ground;

34 A fruitful land into a salt waste, Because of the
wickedness of those who dwell in it.

35 He changes a wilderness into a pool of water And
a dry land into springs of water;

36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell, So that
they may establish an inhabited city,

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, And gather a
fruitful harvest.

38 Also He blesses them and they multiply greatly,
And He does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they are diminished and bowed down
Through oppression, misery and sorrow,

40 He pours contempt upon princes And makes them
wander in a pathless waste.

41 But He sets the needy securely on high away from
affliction, And makes *his* families like a flock.

42 The upright see it and are glad; But all
unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

43 Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things,
And consider the lovingkindnesses of the LORD.