

## **“OH, THAT MEN WOULD GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD”**

### **PSALM 107:43**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Psalm 107, we are told why we should worship God.
2. Let's *“observe these things”* (Ps. 107.43)

#### **I. ISOLATION**

- A. **PSALM 107.4:** *“They wandered in the wilderness”*
  1. Israel was alone in the desert. (Num. 14.34,35)
  2. They were *“hungry and thirsty”* (Ps. 107.5).
- B. Consider some thoughts of application.
  1. **PSALM 107.5,9:** *“Their soul fainted within them”*
  2. Why should we worship God? (Ps. 107.6-9)

#### **II. SLAVERY**

- A. **PSALM 107.10:** *“Those who sat in darkness”*
  1. Why? *“Because they rebelled”* (Ps. 107.11)
  2. Therefore, they were not allowed to enter. (Heb. 3.16-19)
- B. Consider some thoughts of application.
  1. We were slaves to sin. (John 8.34; Rom. 6.12)
  2. Why should we worship God? (Ps. 107.13-16)

#### **III. FOOLISHNESS**

- A. **PSALM 107.17:** *“Fools, because of their transgression”*
  1. Literally, *“thick, idiot, stupid.”*
  2. God was done with Israel. (Num. 14.11,12)
- B. Consider some thoughts of application.
  1. Because of sin, they were *“afflicted”* (Ps. 107.16,17)
  2. Why should we worship God? (Ps. 107.19,22)

#### **IV. FEAR**

- A. **PSALM 107.23-27:** *“their souls melt because of trouble”*
- B. Consider some thoughts of application.
  1. Life's circumstances can make us feel afraid.
  2. Why should we worship God? (Ps. 107.28-32)

**CONCLUSION:** Remembering these things will help our worship.

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-Mark 16.15

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#### **MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

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#### **WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN?**

When does life begin? That question has been debated for centuries and continues to be a hot topic as it relates to the subject of abortion. If one is recognized as a person with a soul at conception, then abortion amounts to murder. If, however, one does not become alive with a soul until birth, then abortion becomes morally and ethically acceptable.

According to the inspired word of God, life and death are not defined by the functioning of the body, but by the presence or absence of a soul. Adam became a living being when God breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2.7). In other words, God gave Adam a soul. Similarly, death occurs when the soul leaves the body. James reminds us that *“the body without the spirit is dead”* (James 2.26). When Rachael died while giving birth, the text reads, *“as her soul was departing (for she died)”* (Gen. 35.18).

Over and over, the word of God describes the unborn child as being a sentient, living human being under the watchful eye of God (Ps. 139.14-16; Job 10.9-11). No doctor or scientist would dispute that upon conception, the baby in the womb is alive. It is there at the moment of conception that life begins, and man has no right to take an innocent and defenseless life. CLP

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#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Why do some not want to come and worship God? Do you consider worship boring?
2. Psalm 107 can help rejuvenate our worship and make it a more meaningful experience. (Ps. 107.43)

#### I. THE OVERALL CONTEXT

- A. The book of Psalms can fall into three categories.
  1. There are psalms that focus on problems. (Ps. 22.6-8)
  2. There are psalms that focus on prayer. (Ps. 51.1,2)
  3. There are psalms that focus on praise. (Ps. 150.1)
- B. The book of Psalms was the Jewish songbook.
  1. It is divided into five different books.
  2. Psalm 107 is the first psalm of book five known as the psalms of praise.

#### II. THE GENERAL CONTEXT

- A. The introduction of the Psalm.
  1. **PSALM 107.1:** “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.” Literally, praise the Lord for His goodness.
  2. **PSALM 107.2,3:** “Let the redeemed of the LORD say ‘so.’” Who is to worship God? (1 Pet. 1.18; 5.8)
- B. The conclusion of the Psalm.
  1. God is the Sovereign in control. (Ps. 107.33,25,26,41)
  2. God is to be worshipped because of His greatness.
- C. The body of the Psalm.
  1. Those who wandered. (Ps. 107.6,7)
  2. Those who sat in darkness. (Ps. 107.13,14)
  3. Those who were fools. (Ps. 107.19,20)
  4. Those who were tossed by the sea. (Ps. 107.28,29)

#### III. THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT

- A. There is an inquiry. (Ps. 107.43)
- B. There is an intelligence. (Ps. 107.43; James 3.13)
- C. There is an identity. (Ps. 107.43)
  1. **PSALM 107.43:** “will observe these things”
  2. **PSALM 107.43:** “the lovingkindness of the LORD”

**CONCLUSION:** God is deserving of our worship!

## “THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART”

For Paul, there was plenty of reason for losing heart. He suffered severely for his work as a preacher and apostle. However, through revelation it was made known to him that the physical body he then possessed would one day be cast off, and on the day of judgment, he would receive a new resurrected body that would be spiritual, glorious, and equivalent to the spiritual body Jesus possesses (2 Cor. 3.18; 1 John 3.2). Knowing this, it changed the way Paul viewed the struggles and difficulties of life. After all, “*our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory*” (2 Cor. 4.17).

One of the potential causes of discouragement that Paul faced was the false teachers of that day suggesting that Paul himself was a false teacher. Paul assures his audience that he was “*not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully*” (2 Cor. 4.2). Sadly, many others had done just that. They had been “*peddling the word of God*” (2 Cor. 2.17). Paul himself became a target of accusations concerning false teaching (Rom. 3.8). These false teachers and accusers were undermining the work that Paul was doing. How easy it would have been for Paul to become discouraged by those who through their preaching sought “*to add affliction to my chains*” (Phil. 1.16). However, knowing that there would be an eternal home awaiting him, he wrote, “*therefore, we do not lose heart*” (2 Cor. 4.1).

How discouraging it can be for us to turn on the television and hear preachers dispense false hope proclaiming that one is saved by faith only (James 2.24). How discouraging it can be when we talk to our coworkers who have been taught that children are born in sin (Ezek. 18.20). How discouraging it is to hear friends being indoctrinated with the notion that baptism can be done by sprinkling or pouring rather than by immersion. It can be discouraging when we are accused of not being honest with the text. When we speak “*as of the oracles of God*” (1 Pet. 4.11), it seems that it is all being undermined by those “*who did not receive the love of the truth*” (2 Thess. 2.10). And we wonder, what’s the point?

Because we love the truth and work to spread the good news, we know that we have a home in heaven waiting for us (2 Tim. 4.7,8). Therefore we keep on preaching and teaching in spite of those who discourage (Acts 8.4). Therefore we do not lose heart. CLP