

SERMON STUDY GUIDE—May 24, 2020
“Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!”

Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 (New International Version)

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there. He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there He brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; He blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and He did not let their herds diminish.

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow; He who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste. But He lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks. The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths. Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

1. Review scripture.
 - a. Why should “the redeemed” tell their story?
 - b. What had God done for them?
 - c. How does God treat nobles vs. needy?
 - d. What is the expectation of this psalm?

2. Review sermon theme: *“The stories of faith are about God’s redemption in times of trouble.”*
 - a. What does “look for the helpers” mean?
 - b. 8 things we should do, as adults, to deal with the things we’re seeing:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/helping-children-with-tragic-events-in-the-news>
 - c. Why is it important to “Get Involved”?
 - d. *“This world is just the testing grounds for eternity. What we do here isn’t the final picture; it is the preparation for our final destination...How we react in times of crisis shows where our hearts truly are.”*
 - e. *“Isn’t it interesting how we interpret ‘good’ as ‘something happened that I liked’ and ‘bad’ means ‘something didn’t go the way that I wanted’? God is not interested in our comfort; God is interested in our character!”*
3. *“God does not seek the pain of His children, but their good. And that good comes about when we stand up in difficult situations and allow God to use us to bring hope and healing.”*
 - a. How impactful is it to hear all of the “Thank you” stories?
 - b. Whom has God used to help you?
 - c. *“The wise are saying, ‘This is my life now—and if things never back to what they were, do I still trust that God can use me to draw people to Himself?’”*