

## ***Psalm 105***

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- **Psalm 104** starts out with “Bless the Lord, O my soul!” This Psalm begins with the exhortation “Oh, give thanks to the Lord!” The next **Psalm (106)** begins with the exhortation to “Praise the Lord!”
- The encouragement throughout the Psalms to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise.
- This Psalm starts out with 10 exhortations, a call to action on 10 points, the last of which is to remember. Then it segues into what they are to remember, recalling their history and extolling the virtues of the Lord in the process.
  1. “Oh, give thanks to the Lord!”
  2. “Call upon His name;”
  3. “Make known His deeds among the peoples!”
  4. “Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him.”
  5. “Talk of all His wondrous works!”
  6. “Glory in His holy name;”
  7. “Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!”
  8. “Seek the Lord and His strength;”
  9. “Seek His face evermore!
  10. “Remember His marvelous works which He has done;”

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V: 1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord, we should be an ever thankful people!

**Psalm 92:1** “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;”

**1 Chronicles 16:8-10** “<sup>8</sup>Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! <sup>9</sup>Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! <sup>10</sup>Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!”

- He is so faithful!

**Psalm 89:1** “I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.”

- We have to guard against taking God’s blessings for granted.

- One of the charges leveled against the un-Godly in the book of Romans is that, they were a thankless un-grateful people.

**Romans 1:21** “Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

- There is so much that God has done for us that we should be in a continual state of thanksgiving and praise!

**Ephesians 5:20** “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

*“It is good to give thanks to the Lord!”*

V: 1b The exhortation to call upon His name: to pray, to cry out to Him.

- This expresses our dependance upon Him, and it's pleasing to Him, God wants us to call upon Him.

**Psalm 116:12-13** “<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? <sup>13</sup>I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.”

V: 1c Make known His deeds - testify of what He has done! Tell people, talk about it.

**Malachi 3:16** “Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name.”

V: 2 Worship Him, sing to Him, sing Psalms - He loves hearing us sing His word back to Him.

**Ephesians 5:19** “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

- Again talk of His wondrous works - This is Hebrew poetry repeating, restating the same idea.

V: 3 “*Glory*” in His Holy name: This means to “brag” or “boast” in His name, giving Him glory - repeating, restating, emphasizing, focusing on Him and giving Him glory for what He has done!

**Galatians 6:14** “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

- What is His Holy name? “**Yahweh**” (Jehovah) - the holy, unspeakable name of God, the “becoming One” What do you need Him to be for you?
- We all need love, and He is the God of love. “**Jehovah-Nissi**” - The Lord my banner, His banner over me is His love!
- Do you need peace? Who doesn't - He is “**Jehovah-Shalom.**” - The God of Peace.
- Do you need healing? Don't we all in some way or another, physical, emotional, spiritual - then He is “**Jehovah-Rapha**” - The Lord who heals.
- He is our Provision, our Righteousness, our Rock, our Refuge, our Fortress, our Shield, and so much more!

*“Glory in His Holy name.”*

V: 3b Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! Those who are seeking the Lord will rejoice - because they will find Him!

**Jeremiah 29:13** “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

- Christians should be the happiest, the most joyful people on the planet!

**John 15:11** “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

V: 4 The exhortation to be a “God seeker” - not a passive follower of Jesus, but a passionate, pro-active, motivated, zealous, pursuer of Jesus.

**1 Chronicles 22:19** “Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God...”

- Seek His strength, His power in our lives... Jesus said:

**Matthew 7:7** “Ask and it will be given to you seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you.”


V: 4b “Seek His face evermore!”

**Psalm 27:8** “When you said, “seek My face,” My heart said to You, “Your face Lord, I will seek.”

- David's heart leapt in his chest to be obedient to God's Word.

- Bay St. Louis, *septic tank testimony* - volunteers running to change and help.

**1 John 5:3** “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous / burdensome.”

V: 5 Seemingly an oft repeated command - **REMEMBER!** 

- This is actually the thing that builds our faith and the hope for the future; looking back at what God has done, and seeing His faithfulness.

**2 Corinthians 1:10** “who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,”

- His past performance and His present performance are both an indicator of what His future performance will be - that is what we hope in.

Remember:

**Luke 22:19** “... this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

**Psalm 77:11** “I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old.”

V: 5b-10 “*Remember*” - the judgments of His mouth, meaning remember His Word.

**Psalm 119:11** “Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.”

- 8 references to God’s Word; judgments<sup>2</sup>, covenant<sup>3</sup>, the Word<sup>1</sup>, oath<sup>1</sup>, statute<sup>1</sup>.

Similar to:

**Psalm 19:7-9** “<sup>7</sup>The **Law** of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the **testimony** of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>The **statutes** of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the **commandment** of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>The **fear** of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the **judgments** of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”

- Describing the Word in different ways along with it’s attributes and the effect of it.
- <sup>8</sup>God’s Word is good to a thousand generations - meaning forever!

**Isaiah 40:8** “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

V: 11 God made promises to Abraham, Issac, and Jacob which He fully intended to keep, and did keep regarding the land of Canaan which they would possess.

- The Psalmist begins to walk us through the history of the nation as they are delivered out of their bondage in Egypt and brought through the wilderness.

V: 12-14 Even though Abraham had 300 servants that could bear weapons, his actual family was pretty small, eventually Isaac had twins, and Jacob had 12 sons - this was pretty small in terms of a people group. Those who eventually went into Egypt numbered 70 souls.

- I'm reminded of how God rebuked two different kings on behalf of Abram, Pharaoh king of Egypt and Abimelech king of Gerar when they each took Sarah, Abram's wife. **Genesis 12 & 20** respectively.
- At one point the sons of Jacob, Simeon & Levi tricked and killed all the men of Shechem and plundered their cattle and goods.

**Genesis 35:5** "And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob."

- While they were sojourning in Canaan they passed from different kingdoms, then eventually into Egypt.

V: 15 Don't touch His anointed ones: His prophets, His priests, His kings

- David took this very seriously about Saul, David wouldn't touch him because he was God's anointed.
- God was their protection and He is ours as well. Do His prophets no harm, those that speak the Word of God on His behalf

**Psalms 62:6** "He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved."

V: 16 God would use a famine in the land of Canaan to move His people to Egypt, at the same time He was bringing judgment upon the people of Canaan.

V: 17 Some years before the famine God sent Joseph before his brothers and the nation into Egypt to prepare the way. God used the cruelty of his brothers to transport Joseph and work in his life.

V: 18-22 Joseph was falsely accused of raping Potopher's wife and subsequently thrown into prison, later to be released by Pharaoh after interpreting Pharaoh's dream.

- He went through a trial, a time of testing.
- <sup>19</sup>The Word of the Lord tested him. (His dreams and the fulfillment of them)

- Then he was elevated to a position of power, Pharaoh's Prime Minister over all his possessions, over the nation.
- In the end, both with the famine and with Joseph's slavery, God's hand could clearly be seen.

**Genesis 50:20** "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

Later Paul would write:

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

V: 23-26 Israel came into Egypt, there the people multiplied and became a nation.

- As they became stronger than their enemies, the Egyptians, God turned their hearts to hate His people who then tried to eliminate them.
- <sup>26</sup>God sent Moses to deliver His people

V: 27-36 We work through 8 or the 10 plagues, and not in order: the <sup>5</sup>plagues of cattle and <sup>6</sup>boils are omitted.

- This is simply remembering what God had done for them.

**Deuteronomy 26:8** "So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders."

V: 37-38 According to Exodus 12 the Egyptians urged the people to leave with haste, they were glad to see them go. The people asked of the Egyptians articles of silver and gold, and clothing.

**Exodus 12:36** "And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians."

- What that really was, was 400 years of back wages + interest!
- None of them were feeble, God strengthened each and every one!

V: 39-44 Reciting a much abbreviated account of their history, remembering what God has done for them:

- The cloud to shield them from the harsh sun light, the pillar of fire by night to comfort them.

- He fed them with quail, omitting the fact that it ended up coming out of their noses. He satisfied them with the bread from heaven, the mana.
- He gave them water to drink from the rock, the split rock at Horeb.
- <sup>42</sup>All of this is about remembering, and God keeping His promises

**2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness...”

**Psalm 138:2** “...for you have magnified Your Word above all your name.”

- God values His Word, He keeps His Word, His promises. Because He’s kept them, He will keep them in the future - we can trust in Him! That’s the whole point.
- <sup>43</sup>He brought the people through with joy, with gladness - He gave them their land, He kept His promise.

V: 45 There was an expectation that the people would observe His statutes and keep His laws, out of gratitude, out of love - it was never intended to be a free for all.

- Hallelujah - *Praise the Lord!*
- Again the last Psalm ended the same way - Hallelujah, praise the Lord!
- The next one will begin and end the same way - Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

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