



## Give Thanks To The Lord

Psalm 107:1-43  
Thanksgiving Sunday – October 11, 2009  
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Theme: **Thank God For His Steadfast Lovingkindness.**

### **Consider God's Steadfast Lovingkindness.**

1. It goes hand in hand with His goodness. (1)
2. It is everlasting. (1; Psalm 106:1; Psalm 118:1-4; Psalm 136:1)
3. It redeems. (2-3; cf. 3-41)
4. It is part of His sovereignty over all. (33-42)

### **Consider Examples Of God's Lovingkindness.**

1. Guiding those wandering in the wilderness. (4-9; cf. Matthew 9:36; 11:28-30; John 4:10-14; 6:32-35; 10:11, 14)
2. Releasing those suffering in prison. (10-16; cf. Romans 7:19-25; 2 Corinthians 2:14)
3. Healing those aching with illness. (17-22; cf. John 9:1-3; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32)
4. Rescuing those reeling on stormy seas. (23-32; cf. Matthew 8:23-27)

### **Consider Your Response To God's Lovingkindness.**

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary.*

## In My Life This Week

*(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)*

**Monday.** I trust you are enjoying this Thanksgiving Day and giving thanks to God. God's lovingkindness, His faithful and steadfast love is part of His character. As the apostle John wrote, "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16). This week we review the four examples of God's lovingkindness in Psalm 107, beginning with guiding those wandering in the wilderness (4-9). This historical reference can be applied figuratively to us in our dry, directionless times. Thank God that in His lovingkindness He guides us as we call out to and rely on Him.

**Tuesday.** The second example of God's lovingkindness is releasing those in prison, even those who suffer bondage because they rebelled against God (10-16). We know that many Old Testament, New Testament and church age believers died in bondage because of persecution (the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is coming up on November 8). In His lovingkindness God shatters the physical chains of many who call on Him and the spiritual bondage of all who call on Him. Thank God for this as you have experienced it, along with so many others.

**Wednesday.** The third example of God's lovingkindness in action is His healing those with illness, even those whose illness was the result of foolishly rebelling against Him (17-22). There are difficult questions here. Physical healing is not guaranteed to all believers on the basis of Christ's death and resurrection. Scripture does not teach that and, if it did, there would be many Methuselahs around (check Genesis 5:27). Every time God heals, it is His lovingkindness, His faithful love in action. Thank Him for this mercy, grace, this love.

**Thursday.** The last example of God's lovingkindness the Psalmist gives us is God rescuing people reeling on stormy seas (23-32). We are not sailors, but we know what it is like to reel, stagger and be at our wits end in stormy times. We also know that God in His lovingkindness gives us wisdom and direction, He brings us through the storm. Thank God for the storms He has led you through, and for the experiences of others that you know. *"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. For His lovingkindness is everlasting. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so."*

**Friday/Saturday.** Next Sunday we plan to return to the series in Romans with 1:18–3:20. Read through this passage as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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