

TITLE AND NUMBER: 174. Give thanks in all situations



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Psalm 107:1-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever. (v1)

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. (v6-9)

LOOKING FURTHER: Lamentations 3:21-26; John 16:33; Deuteronomy 31:8

What does this Bible passage tell us?

When I asked how my friend was feeling, he replied, 'I'm above ground and still standing upright!' We may smile, but at least there was a positive response.

In this week's passage, David begins Psalm 107 with an encouragement to be thankful in all situations and worship the One whose 'love endures forever.' (v1).

Have you ever noticed that when people gather it does not take long before the conversation turns into a torrent of moans and complaints?

We all have a story to tell but let's make it an encouraging one. We are supposed to encourage each other during times of difficulty. And, we can 'cry out to the Lord and wait for Him to deliver us from our distress.' (v6).

Our choice is to tell God about our situation. If we do, His response may not be instant. But, you can be sure there will be one. It will be either 'yes', 'no', or 'wait.' Whatever it is, we will have an opportunity to tell others of God's goodness. (v8-9).

Being a Christian comes with challenges. Jesus told us it would be like that: 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33). The Christian life is not just about having the easiest time possible now. But, is preparation for eternity, too.

Many people in the Bible had a difficult time. The prophet Jeremiah wrote the book of Lamentations at a time of great difficulty. Despite this he writes, 'The Lord's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (Lamentations 3:22-23).

We have a hope in Jesus. Let us always share it. 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he IS good. His love endures for ever.'

Reflections:

- What is your response when things get difficult - praise or despair?
- God promises us that He will never leave us or forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:8). What does this mean to you?
- Who can you help by sharing the fact that God is good and His love for them never ends?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.

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THANKS

Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

