The Goodness of God

**Psalm 107**

1Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
    his love endures forever.

2Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
    those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
3those he gathered from the lands,
    from east and west, from north and south.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+107&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15703a)]

4Some wandered in desert wastelands,
    finding no way to a city where they could settle.
5They were hungry and thirsty,
    and their lives ebbed away.
6Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
    and he delivered them from their distress.
7He led them by a straight way
    to a city where they could settle.
8Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
9for he satisfies the thirsty
    and fills the hungry with good things.

10Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,
    prisoners suffering in iron chains,
11because they rebelled against God’s commands
    and despised the plans of the Most High.
12So he subjected them to bitter labor;
    they stumbled, and there was no one to help.
13Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
    and he saved them from their distress.
14He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,
    and broke away their chains.
15Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
16for he breaks down gates of bronze
    and cuts through bars of iron.

17Some became fools through their rebellious ways
    and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.
18They loathed all food
    and drew near the gates of death.
19Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
    and he saved them from their distress.
20He sent out his word and healed them;
    he rescued them from the grave.
21Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
22Let them sacrifice thank offerings
    and tell of his works with songs of joy.

23Some went out on the sea in ships;
    they were merchants on the mighty waters.
24They saw the works of the Lord,
    his wonderful deeds in the deep.
25For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
    that lifted high the waves.
26They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;
    in their peril their courage melted away.
27They reeled and staggered like drunkards;
    they were at their wits’ end.
28Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
    and he brought them out of their distress.
29He stilled the storm to a whisper;
    the waves of the sea[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+107&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15729b)] were hushed.
30They were glad when it grew calm,
    and he guided them to their desired haven.
31Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
32Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
    and praise him in the council of the elders.

33He turned rivers into a desert,
    flowing springs into thirsty ground,
34and fruitful land into a salt waste,
    because of the wickedness of those who lived there.
35He turned the desert into pools of water
    and the parched ground into flowing springs;
36there he brought the hungry to live,
    and they founded a city where they could settle.
37They sowed fields and planted vineyards
    that yielded a fruitful harvest;
38he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,
    and he did not let their herds diminish.

39Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled
    by oppression, calamity and sorrow;
40he who pours contempt on nobles
    made them wander in a trackless waste.
41But he lifted the needy out of their affliction
    and increased their families like flocks.
42The upright see and rejoice,
    but all the wicked shut their mouths.

43Let the one who is wise heed these things
    and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.