

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Who are partakers of God's mercy?
2. Why is it important to give thanks unto the Lord?
3. Why is verse 19 so typical? Are we guilty sometimes of turning to God last?
4. How often should we give thanks and praise to God?
5. Is there joy in giving thanks?

### SUMMARY:

God's mercy can perhaps be compared to electricity. Electricity has been in the earth and atmosphere since the beginning of time but it was not harnessed and put to use until about 100 years ago. God's mercy has always existed, but it never becomes real to a person until there is willingness to submit to God and His commandments. It is then we realize how He has spared us and desires to have fellowship with us. "Rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful . . ." (Joel 2:13) "Despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4) What have **you** experienced of God's goodness?

### NOTES:

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[SoF:6] We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #12

September 17, 2023

Third Quarter

### GOD'S GOODNESS

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Psalm 107:1-43*

**LESSON SETTING:** (?)

**TIME:** (?)

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**I. GOD'S MERCY.** [SoF:6] Psalm 107:1-7

- A. Mercy (vs. 1) Psalm 103:17; Micah 7:18; Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:5; 1 John 4:10
- B. Redemption (vs. 2) Colossians 1:14; Titus 2:14; Revelation 5:9
- C. Deliverance (vs. 6) 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18; 2 Peter 2:9

**II. GOD'S JUSTICE.** Psalm 107:8-19

- A. Bondage (vs. 10-11) Proverbs 5:22; Romans 7:23; 2 Timothy 2:26
- B. Abasement (vs. 12) Isaiah 2:12; Malachi 4:1; Luke 1:52
- C. Adversity (vs. 17) Deuteronomy 28:47-48; Psalm 16:4

**III. GOD'S PROVIDENCE.** Psalm 107:20-43

- A. Spiritual Healing (vs. 20) Isaiah 53:5; Hosea 6:1; Luke 4:18
- B. God's Goodness (vs. 21) Psalm 33:5; 34:8; Romans 2:4
- C. God's Guidance [SoF:9] (vs. 30) Psalm 25:9; Luke 1:79; John 16:13
- D. Temporal Blessings (vs. 37-38) Exodus 23:25; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:33

**GOLDEN TEXT: OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!**

Psalm 107:8

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Psalm 119:145-176  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Timothy 3:15-17;  
Hebrews 4:12

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Life of David

**TOPIC:** GOD'S WORD

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Lord is so gracious to us and hears our pleas when we call upon Him, with a desire also to follow Him. The psalmist made this experience too. "I cried with my **whole heart**; hear me, O Lord: I will keep Thy statutes." Surely we all must say that when we cried to the Lord with our whole heart we also promised to keep His statutes and be faithful to Him if He would save us.

Then coming into His saving grace we too experienced the power of the Lord in our lives. We experienced His tender mercies. We enjoyed the blessings of peace with God, of a heart free from the guilt of sin. We, too, have tried to keep God's precepts and only with His help were we able to do so.

Some today become quite critical of some of the teachings of the "church" and seek to transpose a different meaning into the Word of God. Such people do not know real joy in their hearts. Those who take delight in God's law and seek each day to walk more and more in obedience to God's commandments, just as they are given, have peace and contentment in their hearts. They not only have longed for His salvation, but they have become real partakers of Christ Jesus. "He that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him." (1 John 3:24)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God's mercy and goodness encourage us to pray for help and testify to His kindness.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.* Psalm 119:105

Have you ever walked through a dense, dark timber at night? If so you have undoubtedly experienced what it's like to stumble over a protruding root or part of a rock. You know too, how every strange sound can make chills go down your spine. Even the sound of a cat or a rabbit moving through the grass, no matter how slight that sound may be, can be magnified in a person's mind so that it sounds like a large animal.

When we take this same walk with a flashlight and can see the obstructions or see the animals, it makes all the difference in the world.

Likewise, spiritually, without the light of God's Word, men walk in the darkness of sin and stumble and fall and fear because there is no helping of oneself. The psalmist again paints a word picture of the blessedness of God's Word to light our way, to reveal sin to us so that we can with God's help avoid the pitfalls and the dangers of life. Do you have such a lamp?

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 18 – 24**

Mon. A Guide to Cleansing. Psalm 119:1-24  
Tue. A Teacher of Righteousness. Psalm 119:25-48  
Wed. Our Help Toward Obedience. Psalm 119:49-72  
Thu. An Encouragement to Trust. Psalm 119:73-96  
Fri. A Source of Wisdom. Psalm 119:97-120  
Sat. A Revealer of God's Will. Psalm 119:121-144  
Sun. \*An Inspiration to Praise. Psalm 119:145-176

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