

LISTENER GUIDE

God's Faithfulness in Times of Trouble

by Nancy Leigh DeMoss (True Woman '14)

Text: Psalm 107—a praise song of the redeemed people of God

Introduction (vv. 1–3)

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD.”

- An appeal for us to give Him fervent _____.

We can give thanks because of God's _____.

- He is _____.
- He loves you with a _____ - _____, _____ love.

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- He _____ His people who were in exile.
- He is always at work to redeem even our _____ and _____.

Body of the Psalm—four scenes that end with the same chorus (vv. 4–32)

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1. Trouble—four descriptions of dire human need. _____.

- Those who are _____ and wandering in the _____ (vv. 4–5).
- Those who are _____ (vv. 10–12).
- Those who are _____ and _____ (v. 17).
- Those who are _____ - _____ (v. 23).

2. Cry

- When did they cry to the Lord? When they were in _____. Why didn't they cry _____ they were in trouble? Because they didn't think they _____ God.

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- Anything that makes me _____ God is a _____.

3. Deliverance

- Those who seek the Lord will never be _____ or put to _____.

- God will deliver in His _____, in His _____, and in the way that will bring Him the greatest _____.

We see in this psalm a glimpse of Jesus, the coming Redeemer.

- He is the One who delivers us from trouble and distress caused by sin.
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4. Thanksgiving

- If you're a child of God, He has already _____ you from the worst possible outcome.
- Even if you're in a storm, you've been delivered in the ways that matter most for all of _____ and _____.
- If we've been redeemed, it's unthinkable we should live lives of anything other than unceasing, unending _____.

Conclusion (vv. 33–43)

- If in the midst of thinking everything is going okay, if you are covering _____, God can with a word change the course of your life.
- Be willing to let God do whatever He knows is needed in the lives of _____ to make them desperate for Him.
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- God wants to make you _____ even in the place of your _____.

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