

“Interlude: A Consideration” (Psalm 107)

10/23/2022

- Introduction—
 - “Strength for today, Hope for tomorrow”
 - A pause in Revelation
 - Revelation 14.1-3

- ***Let the Redeemed of the LORD sing!***
 - ***(vs. 1-3)***
 - The theme of this psalm is the steadfast love of God
 - A psalm of thanksgiving: Why exactly should we give thanks to God?
 - Let’s count the ways...
 - Translating (vs. 2): *“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so...”*

- ***In the Wasteland***
 - ***(vs. 4-9)***
 - This is the 1st of 4 pictures
 - JRR Tolkien is famous for writing *“Not all those who wander are lost” ... ?*
 - (vs. 6): *“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.”*
 - (vs. 8): *“Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!”*
 - The cycle
 - Side note: A word about evangelism

- ***Same Song, Second Verse: In the Dark***
 - ***(vs. 10-16)***
 - Life in the wasteland vs. Life in the dark
 - Jim Quillen *“Alcatraz from Inside”* and CMPC’s Family Advocacy Ministry
 - (See Beth Oropeza for your questions about this ministry)
 - But (vs. 13)
 - Our only proper response? (vs. 15)

- ***Same Song, Third Verse: In the Destruction***
 - ***(vs. 17-22)***
 - Some were fools
 - Foolishness according to the Bible
 - Bad decisions?
 - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15.20)
 - This is the same picture: (vs. 19)
 - Response: (vs. 21)

- ***Same Song, Fourth Verse: In the Chaos***
 - ***(vs. 23-32)***
 - The sea is a deep, very mysterious place
 - Consider Hurricane Ian
 - (Job 38.4-5; 8-11)
 - The cry: (vs. 28)
 - Response: (vs. 31)

➤ ***From the Song to the Great Songwriter***

- ***(vs. 33-42)***
- This psalm makes a transition here
 - In the wasteland, God brings refreshment
 - In the darkness, God brings light
 - In the destruction, God brings healing
 - In the chaos, God brings rest
- How does God choose to work? (Romans 5.8)

➤ ***Consider***

- ***(vs. 43)***
- Lost - The way of life (John 14.6)
- Hunger - The bread of life (John 6.35)
- Thirst - The water of life (John 7.37-38)
- Weak - The strength of life (Colossians 1.11-14)
- Dark - The light of life, of the world (John 8.12)
- Death - The life (John 11.25-26)
- Prison - The freedom (Luke 4.18)
- Foolish - The wisdom (Mark 6.2)
- Suffering - The hope (Colossians 1.26-27)
- Chaos - The rest (Matthew 11.28-30)