Psalm 107
Give Thanks to the LORD For He Is Good

Introduction.

A. Opening psalm of Book Five of the Psalms.
B. A recurring theme (6, 13, 19, 28).
    1. They cried out to the LORD.
    2. He delivered them from their distress.
C. Four types of distress.
    1. First and fourth from the vagaries of life.
    2. Second and third from rebellion and sin (1 Sam. 15:23).

I. A call for thanksgiving. (1-3).

A. He is good.
B. His love endures forever.
C. He is our redeemer.

II. The wanderers (4-9).

A. Those who wandered (cf. Heb. 11:38).
    1. Hungry.
    2. Thirsty.
    3. No place to call home.
B. They cried to the LORD.
C. He delivered them from their distress.
    1. He led them to a city.
    2. He satisfied their thirst.
    3. He filled the hungry.
D. The response of thanksgiving.
    1. His unfailing love.
    2. His wonderful deeds.

III. The prisoners (10-16).

A. Sin and rebellion brought bondage.
    1. Darkness.
    2. Gloom.
    3. Suffering.
B. They cried to the LORD.

C. He delivered them from their distress.
    1. He brought them out.
    2. He broke their chains.
    3. Broke down the gates.
    4. Cut through bars of iron.
D. Response of thanksgiving.
    A. His unfailing love.
    B. His wonderful deeds.

III. <u>The fools (17-22).</u>
A. Because of their wicked ways.
    1. Rebellion.
    2. Iniquities.
    3. Suffering.
        a. Affliction.
        b. Couldn't eat.
        c. Brought to the point of death.
B. They cried to the LORD.
C. He delivered them from their distress.
    1. He healed them with his Word.
    2. He rescued them from the grave.
D. Response of thanksgiving.
    A. His unfailing love.
    B. His wonderful deeds.

IV. <u>The sailors (23-32).</u>
A. They faced the force of nature (Jonah, the disciples, Paul).
    1. Couldn't control it.
    2. The waves threatened their lives.
    3. Their courage melted.
    4. They were at their wits' end.
B. They cried to the LORD.
C. He delivered them from their distress.
    1. Stilled the storm.
    2. Calmed the waves (Peace, be still).
D. Response of thanksgiving.
    A. His unfailing love.
    B. His wonderful deeds.

V. The LORD reigns in all circumstances (33-42).
   A. He can turn abundance into barrenness because of sin.
   B. He can turn barrenness into abundance because of faithfulness.
   C. He humbles the arrogant.
   D. He lifts the needy.
   E. The response.
      1. The upright will rejoice.
      2. The wicked will have nothing to say.

VI. The response of those who are wise (43).
   A. They will pay attention.
   B. They will consider the great love of the LORD.
      1. He listens.
      2. He delivers.