God is Just a Prayer Away

Psalm 107

In Verses 1-3, Those who have been redeemed by the LORD are invited to give thanks.

"Hesed"- (steadfast love, mercy, kindness, favor) describes a relationship of mutuality between individuals or groups, and between God and human beings, especially Israel. It expresses both an attitude and actions devolving from that attitude.

In verses 4-32, The Psalmist describes Four typical deliverances which the LORD executed. 1st Deliverance(vv. 4-9): The LORD guided <u>some who</u> had lost their way.

2nd Deliverance(vv. 10-16): The LORD rescued those who were <u>living in bondage</u>. 3rd Deliverance (vv. 17-22): The LORD healed some from mortal illness.

4th Deliverance(Vv. 23-32): The LORD delivered some from the danger of the stormy sea.

"He that will learn to pray, let him go to Sea" - This quotation from Welsh poet George Herbert (1593 -1633) - reflects seafarers' long-standing conviction that at sea we find the ultimate in awe and terror.

In verses 33-42, The same saving activity of the LORD is shown in Israel's history.

In verse 43, The wise person is invited to consider God's love through His saving acts.

Practical Truths:

1. The gracious events in our lives are reflections of God's steadfast love.

2. The appropriate response to God's expression of love is Thanksgiving (verses 1, 8, 15, 21, 31)

3. God is able to deliver from all the possible varieties of adversities.

4. The wise person takes time to consider God's act of love.

5. The supreme evidence of God's love is the salvation He accomplished through the death of His Son Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:8).