

CRYING OUT

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107:1-30

INTRODUCTION:

1. A cry is a word that implies desperation. When there is nothing else to do and nowhere else to turn, you cry out.

2. A *desperate* cry seems to be irresistible to God—especially when it is a *united* cry from His people.

3. Charles Tapp, and I were coming back from a week Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday October 19, where we hear a lecture by Bill Gothard Director of the Institute In Basic Life Principles and he spoke on **THE POWER OF CRYING OUT TO GOD**. On the way home we received a desperate phone call from Gwen about Andrea. She was having complications with her first child, Levi. Carson and Carolyn Woodfin were to go on Tuesday to Brazil and their passports was in Washington, D.C.

4. Psalm 107 overwhelms us with the consistency of this thought, as the psalmist speaks of Israel's continued wandering, God's judgment, the people's cry, and God's deliverance. Four times this pattern is repeated.

5. They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region.... Their soul fainted with them.

I- THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE (vv. 4-7)

1. He delivered them out of their distresses. (v. 6)

2. He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city. (v. 7)

They had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

Therefore He humbled their heart with labor; they stumbled and there was none to help.

II- THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE; AND HE SAVED THEM OUT OF THEIR DISTRESSES. (vv. 11-14)

1. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bands apart.(v. 10, 14)

2. Fools, because of their rebellious way, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted.(v. 11-13)

III. THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE; HE SAVED THEM OUT OF THEIR DISTRESSES. (VV. 17-20).

1. He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

2. He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea....

3. Their soul melted away in their misery. They ... were at their wits' end.

IV. THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE, AND HE BROUGHT THEM OUT OF THEIR DISTRESSES. (VV. 25-30).

1. He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed.

2. He guided them to their desired haven.

CONCLUSION:

We seek every other remedy. In vain we try every prescription except God's.

If there was ever a time when the believers in our land, who have rebelled and wandered from Christ, need to repent, turn their faith upward, and CRY OUT, it is now.

*“And they **cried out** to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them.”*

Verse 31-32

Psalm 107:31-32 ³¹“Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! ³²Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.”