

Psalms 106 – 10 August 2025

“Utterly Helpless, But God”

Introduction

- *This is 6th of 6 messages in the 4th Book of Psalms
- *Psalms - the Israeli Hymnbook or Book of Praises
- *The human condition is such that at our very best, we still find we're unable to succeed in serving God faithfully
- *We find that apart from God's enablement, we slide farther & farther into the consequences of our nature
- *Read Rom 7:22-8:1 – We can only find good and be satisfied when we're empowered by God to serve God
- *So today we'll realize 3 things that will enable us to victoriously enjoy serving God**

#1 – We See Our Desired Direction – The Wise Want To Do Well (Vs 1-5)

Read Vs 1

1. God is always the initiator, we're the responder
2. It's imperative that we respond w/ praise & thanks to God's lovingkindness

Read Vs 2-3

1. For those that love God, there is a spiritual energy for the doing of what's pleasing to the Lord
 - a. "Thanksdoing" is the result of a heart of thanksgiving
2. It's impossible to *do righteousness at all times*
 - a. But we are ones that are constantly desiring & heading in that direction
 - b. Vs 2 says we can't even speak all of God's praise let alone act perfectly to show praise

Read Vs 4-5

1. We picture the prodigal son coming home (coming toward righteousness) & then His father coming running to meet him (to bring gifts)

2. If it's not for our God giving us entrance & salvation, we could never get into the destination
3. What God built them was a nation w/ inheritance
 - a. What He's built for us is the Church, the one that confess...
 - i. Our desire to live for him\
 - ii. Our need for Jesus Christ

#2 – We See Our Deep Delinquency – We Witness Our Worthlessness (Vs 6-43)

Read Psm 106:6-7

1. Psalmist confesses that as a nation they still find themselves in the condition of rebellion
 - a. As their ancestors complained as the plagues were falling, *they still rebel in heart*
2. Why? B/c they didn't trust that if God delivered before, He could do it again

Read Vs 8-12

1. God saves His people at the Red Sea & then they believed that He's a saving God

2. ***Do you see their problem here? No faith***

- a. Read John 20:27-29 – Saving faith is based on the unseen & surrounding evidence, not direct evidence
- b. Read Rom 10:17 – Biblical, saving faith comes from hearing not seeing

Read Vs 13-15

1. ***Do you see their problem here? Lust for comfort & ease***

2. God tends to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted
3. We will either seek our own counsel or God's
 - a. Seeking our way, we'll never be satisfied
 - b. When we receive what our amazing counsel asks for, we often find it empty and harmful

Read Vs 16-18

1. ***Do you see their problem here? Lust for power***
2. In all these sins there's a discontentment with the great things that God has already provided

- a. These men were already priests being used of God, but they wanted MORE

Read Vs 19-23

1. ***Now what's their problem here? Lust for a God made to their own liking***
2. Remember where the gold for molten image (Golden Calf) came from – Egyptian jewelry
 - a. What should be a blessing becomes a curse
 - b. The possession became a perversion, then became a poison b/c God had them drink it
3. Lusts always cost more than we wanted to pay

Read Vs 24-27

1. This refers to sending the 12 spies in the land
 - a. Israel saw the adversities in Canaan & didn't trust God could deliver them
2. ***They left the good path not just by committing sins, but also by omitting good actions***
 - a. Good actions take faith that God can do it
3. So here we have the sin of omission

Read Vs 28-31

1. In Num 25 Israel was coaxed into sexual activity with neighboring Moab - & were plagued
2. ***Now things are so bad that they're being led into sin so passively***
3. But a bit of the solution is listed right here
 - a. Phinehas sprung into proactive motion & turned the tide – and God stayed His judgement

Read Vs 32-33

1. Twice Israel was at Meribah
 - a. Exo 17 – They begged for water, then God had Moses strike the Rock
 - b. Num 20 – They begged for water, God told Moses to speak to the Rock but Moses struck it
2. ***Now their nature even provokes others to sin***
 - a. Moses is guilty of his own sin but are we pushing people toward God or toward sin?

Read Vs 34-39

1. Judges 1 details their failure to remove the sinful environment around them in their new land

2. *Now they've gone so far as to dedicate themselves to studying & serving false gods*
3. Is there an earthly hobby or pastime that more dedicated to than our dedication to knowing Jesus?

Read Vs 40-43

1. Book of Judges shows this cycle of God's deliverance, yet they sink back into rebellion
2. Humanity, on our own, has no capacity to stay out of trouble, sin & harmful habits
3. This is the depths of our sin that Jesus offers to deliver us from

#3 – We See Our Devoted Deliverer – Our Worthy God Welcomes Us (Vs 44-48)

Read Psm 106:44-46

1. “*Nevertheless*” – It's not a “less important point to make” to say that....

- a. Although this is Israel's condition & ours,
God is faithful & full of lovingkindness for us
- b. Despite our natural condition, God loves us
- 2. He knows all the vices that have & could yet
trouble us, and He yet remains committed to us
- 3. Now, what is our part in this deliverance?
 - a. Simply from vs 44, to cry out to Him
 - b. If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just
to forgive us and cleanse us for all of it

Read Vs 47-48

- 1. We've been saved & gathered together for the
major purpose of thanking God for it
 - a. Thank Him with your renewed mindset
 - b. Thank Him with your words
 - c. Thank Him with your actions & lifestyle
- 2. Jesus lived perfectly & then He offered this
perfect righteousness to us (Read II Cor 5:21)
- 3. Let the Lord Jesus Christ be magnified from
today and forever!

Conclusion

Have you found this to be reality in your own heart?

- 1. Our Desired Direction Is That We Want To Do Well**
- 2. Yet We Have A Deep Delinquency In That We Witness That We're Worthless**
- 3. But Praise God, We Have A Devoted Deliverer, Our Worthy God Is Always Ready To Welcome Us Home**

Thanks be to God who according to His abundant mercy has caused us to be born again by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

To obtain an inheritance that cannot be diminished