

## I. The Father Loves to Hear from Us (1-2)

- A. Your thankful voice (1a) - “Oh give thanks to the LORD...”
- B. Your exalting voice (1b) - “...for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”
- C. Your declaring voice (2) - “Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.”

## II. The Father Has Committed to Care for Us (3-6a)

A. He pursues us (3) - “And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

**7.8 billion people; 7139 known languages; 2200 needing bible translation; 350 million people w/o any Scripture**

B. He has compassion on us (4-5) - “Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.”

- 1. Lost (4a) - “Some wandered in desert wastes...”
- 2. Outcast (4b) - “...finding no way to a city to dwell in.” **Only a mirage!**
- 3. Empty (5a) - “...hungry and thirsty...”
- 4. Helpless (5b) - “...their soul fainted within them.”

C. He waits for us (6a) - “Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble...”

## III. The Father Cannot Forget About Us (6b-9)

A. Rescued (6b) - “...and He delivered them from their distress.”

B. Protected (7) - “He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.”

C. Objects of grace (8) - “Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!”

D. Complete (9) - “For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.”