"Let the Redeemed of the LORD Say So" Part 2
Psalm 107:17-31

C.I.T.—If anyone should live a life of thanksgiving, it is those whom Jesus has redeemed.
C.I.S.—If you have been redeemed, your life should be characterized by thanksgiving.
Purpose-- I want to show that regardless of what life circumstances we endure, we should be thankful because we are redeemed.
Introduction—Difficulty of going to Thanksgiving

- Reminder that those who have been redeemed have something to be thankful for…their redemption.
- They have been redeemed from wandering in the wilderness and from dwelling in darkness.
- They have been found and they have been freed.
- Now we see two new ways that the Lord redeems us.

I. ***From Suffering in Sickness***—vs. 17-22
   a. Coincides with the north, which symbolized the judgment of God.
   b. The Foolish
      i. **Psalm 14:1**
      ii. These people have humbled themselves…negatively impacted themselves
      iii. They have done so by transgression and iniquity.
      iv. They have lived their lives as if God doesn't exist, and has lived sinful lives.
   c. The Sickness
      i. They have become "humble" or "sick."
      ii. They have gotten to where they cannot eat.
      iii. They are metaphorically at the gates of death.
      iv. These people are living in the effects of their sin.
   d. This is an example of His passive judgment.
   e. Illus.—If you step outside the umbrella you get wet.
   f. In the depths of their judgment, revealed in "sickness", they called on the Lord.
   g. The LORD sends His Word.
      i. The preached message of God's Word was the cure for the sickness.
      ii. How so?
      iii. This was a spiritual sickness with physical symptoms.
      iv. This should not be surprising, as medical science has told us of the toll that emotional anguish plays on someone's body—worried to death
      v. Since this is a spiritual sickness, it required a spiritual solution.
      vi. When the Word was preached, they repented and responded to the Word.
      vii. This resulted in their spiritual and potentially physical healing.
   h. Let them thank the Lord.
      i. Cause for praise
      ii. Offer thanksgiving sacrifice—Leviticus 7 refers to the thanksgiving offering in the context of a fellowship offering
      iii. It communicates the restored relationship between the sick and the Lord.
   i. Illus.— Illustration from actual sickness, you have lung cancer, don't blame God if you spent your whole life smoking cigarettes.
   j. Application
      i. When we sin and rebel against the Lord, we invite the passive judgment of God into our lives.
      ii. This simply means, He will leave you alone.
      iii. We can get into enough trouble ourselves.
      iv. Many of the "sicknesses" in life result from our own foolishness and the subsequent humbling of ourselves.

v. When we turn to Him, He can and will deliver us from our own foolishness.

k. Takeaway: ***Thank Jesus for a Spiritual Healing.***

II. ***From Struggling in Storms***—vs. 23-32

a. The last direction is the sea/south.
   i. Ezion-geber was the furthest point south in Israel, and was one of the major sea ports for Israel.
   ii. So the sea and south both work.

b. This describes sailors that experience a major hurricane.
   i. Tempest/billows
   ii. They rise and fall with the waves.
   iii. They staggered and reeled like drunk men
   iv. The end result was that they were beyond the hope of their plans and efforts.

c. This hurricane was attributed to the LORD's work.
   i. Seen His works and wondrous deeds
   ii. He spoke and stirred up the wind.
   iii. Hurricanes/tempests are used to describe the power of God's work in someone's life.
   iv. It can describe judgment in Isaiah and Jeremiah.—Most famous example in Jonah.
   v. It can describe the guiding hand of God, for example the storm that blew Paul was because God had some work for Paul in Malta.
   vi. Here we find the active judgment of God against sin, based on the previous three perspective on redemption.

d. When they got to the end of themselves, they called on the LORD.

e. Immediately the LORD quieted the storm and brought them to safe haven.

f. This relief from the storm brought thanksgiving.

g. Illus.—Jesus calming the storms

h. Application
   i. If Jesus can calm an actual storm, He can also calm the storms of your life.
   ii. In fact, if the LORD caused the storm as judgment for your sin, He is the only one that can calm the storms of your life.
   iii. We have all sinned, and this brings judgment against us.
   iv. We may not have experienced that judgment yet, but it is coming.
   v. Only through Jesus can we be spared that judgment, and be brought to a safe haven.

i. Takeaway: ***Thank Jesus for a Safe Haven.***

Conclusion

- We all need a redeemer because of our sin.
- This redemption comes at a great cost: the blood of Jesus.
- However, He gives it freely to those who are willing to repent and ask for salvation.

Psalm 14:1 *For the choir director. Of David.* The fool says in his heart, "There's no God." They are corrupt; they do vile deeds. There is no one who does good.

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Takeaway: Thank Jesus for a S_____ H_____

II. We are redeemed from S_____ in S_____.

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