**Psalm 107:1-9 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good! For His mercy endures forever.
2Let the redeemed of the Lord say *so,* Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, 3And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south. 4They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. 5Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. 6Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, *And* He delivered them out of their distresses. 7And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place. 8Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men! 9For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

We’re now 25 days from Thanksgiving. I trust that you’re waking each and every morning in a state of Thanksgiving and praise for the Lord. Don’t let politics or the election or the virus or sickness crowd out your thankfulness and praise to God. He is worthy to be praised. Our weeping endures for a night, but God’s favor is for eternal life. This world is rotting away – focus on the fresh, new mercies of God each and every morning.

 Verse 1 should look familiar to us. It is the same as the opening verse of last weeks message and the message of the week before. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.* God is good and His mercy endures into the vanishing point, so far that we can’t make out the limits of His mercy and His goodness.

 Verse 2 *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.* We are the redeemed when we believe in Jesus. Galatians 3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”).* Jesus has redeemed us like next of kin, like brothers and sisters. We’re now adopted children of God, and no longer are slaves to sin and servants of Satan.

 Verse 3 *And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.* Jesus has gathered people from all nations, all cultures, all races – if we are not Jew, then we are Gentile. Galatians 3:14 *that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* Make no mistake – it is the Lord gathering the people, His chosen ones. It is God convicting, Jesus saving, the Spirit indwelling. People will come from all walks of life, all places, but we all must submit.

 Verses 4 – 5 *They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. 5Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.* This is a picture of Israel, but it is also a picture of a lost person, staggering with hunger and thirst in a desolate place, finding nowhere to dwell. They are dying, their soul is fainting, they are losing all hope. Can’t you feel their loneliness? Can’t you feel their despair? Can you remember your own loneliness and despair before Jesus found you? I don’t want anyone to feel that one second longer. That is why witnessing is so very critical! We help the lost be found.

 Verse 6 *Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses.* The people cried out, literally shrieked, to the Lord in their anguish and God delivered them out of that narrow place. We learned last week that He sets us in a wide place, a place of liberty and safety, hedged away from our enemies.

 Verse 7 *And He led them forth by the right way,* **(Jesus – way, truth, life)** *That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.* In verse 4, on their own, they found no city to dwell in, but now with God, He leads them to a city! Listen to Hebrews 12:22-24 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.* That’s the city we’re heading for! And only Christ will lead us there.

Verse 8*Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!* Oh that men would give thanks. That sums it up. God does miracles every day for mankind, wonderful acts of kindness, love, and generosity. He is so patient, wanting everyone to come to salvation. Do we thank Him for it? We can never thank Him enough, but we can certainly thank Him more than we do.

Verse 9 *For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.* He satisfies our souls, He’s all we need, when we stop chasing after the world and seek Him, love Him with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength. Not halfway, but all the way. The water and food of this world leaves us hungry for more, but Jesus offers us eternal satisfaction – John 6:35 *And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.* Jesus satisfies the soul as the world will never do.

This week, let’s continue our march in Thanksgiving and Gratefulness. Who knows what this week will bring with regards to the world? But we know what God brings each and every day. Let’s rejoice and be glad in that every single hour. Oh that we will give thanks for the miracles and mercies He gives each and every morning, they are fresh, and never rot away. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.