

## Palmetto Baptist Church – November 18, 2018

### A Walk Down Memory Lane – Psalm 105

#### When you need to review your OT history... [Historical psalms] (e.g., 78, 105, 106)

More specifically, we ascribe to God His worth by noting His providential dealings in our personal and corporate history and by learning the lessons He intends to teach us through these past works. It is also a form of worship to inculcate these lessons into the next generation.

**Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God's providence in each of our lives over the past year.**

**The history of Thanksgiving.** <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

We will have an opportunity for you to share a praise from the past year with our church family during our second service. Think about it and have the courage to share with all of us.

#### Let's read Psalm 105 together!

##### I. Its authorship is not stated.

Psalm 103 is the last song in book 4 of Psalms (Psalm 90-106 – a focus on wandering [connected to Numbers]) that provides direct authorship to David. Psalm 104-106 are anonymous... with Psalm 106:47-48 wrapping up book four.

##### II. Its acceptance is well documented.

However, when you compare the content of Psalm 105:1-15 with other OT texts, you will find the exact same psalm in I Chronicles 16:8-22 (...with the exception of a few minor details such as vs 6 in Psalm 105 [offspring of Abraham instead of offspring of Israel in I Chron. 16:13]).

This song was sung when David recovered the ark of the God from the house of Obed-Edom after a 20 year absence from Shiloh (I Samuel 7:2) in a place called Kiriath-jearim. **For background on how the ark of God ended up in Kiriath-jearim, read I Samuel 4-7:2... For an overview of how David brought the ark of God back to Jerusalem, read 2 Samuel 6-7.**

##### III. Its content is stirring.

- A psalm of praise for the Lord's greatness (1-6), for the Lord's faithfulness (7-41), and praise for the Lord's deliverance (42-45). [Outline from Bible Knowledge Commentary].
- The psalm invites worshipers to praise God for who He is and what He does [His character and conduct].
  - The psalmist directs the singers attention to God's providence in the lives of Abraham (the gift, the geography, and the grace),
  - Joseph (the prisoner, the prophet, and the prime minister),
  - Moses (the crisis and the champion),
  - and Joshua (the provision of the Promised Land).<sup>1</sup>
- Based on these facts, the psalm fits into the category of "historical psalms" with Psalm 78 and 106.

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<sup>1</sup> The Outline Bible

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**II. Its acceptance is well documented.**

**III. Its content is stirring.**

**IV. Its message is uplifting.**

**A. God's grace satisfies your deepest longings.**

- Longing for significance (1-11)
  - **Thank God** for who He is and talk about Him to others (1)
  - **Sing to God** with meaningful reflection (2)
  - **Seek God** with purpose (3-4)
    - Needing His strength
    - Desiring His presence
  - **Reflect on God's works and His words** (5-11)
    - He birthed a nation (6-10)
    - He provided a location (11)
- Longing for security (43-45)

**B. God's sovereignty supersedes your sinful decisions. (12-22)**

- The lies of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (12-15)
  - From Pharaoh of Egypt (Gen. 12:17) and Abimelech of Gerar (Gen. 20:3)
- The deception and treachery of Jacob's sons. (16-22)
  - Joseph "was laid in iron" – literally, "his soul" or "he came into iron," or, he was bound to his grief (compare with Ps. 3:2 and 11:1). Joseph is referred to as being an appropriate type of those "bound in affliction and iron" (Ps 107:10). [*Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*]

**C. God's power enables your total deliverance. (23-38)**

- He can change minds. (23-25 / 37-38)
- He can break wills. (26-36)
  - A record of the 10 Egyptian gods debunked by the 10 plagues
    - Only 8 or the 10 plagues mentioned
      - No mention of plague 5 – the murrain of beasts
      - No mention of plague 6 – the boils

**D. God's provision supplies your greatest need. (39-42)**

- Your need for guidance. (39)
- Your need for sustenance. (40-41)
- Your need for confidence. (42)

**Application:**

- **Take time to praise God**
  - Personally and Publically
- **Thank God for working all things together for His glory and your good.**
  - Including your sinful choices.
- **Trust God to meet your need**
  - for deliverance, for guidance, for sustenance, and for confidence