

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

God is So Good
by Neal Pollard

You might notice over your heading of Psalm 107 that it begins "Book Five." You also do not see David's name over this psalm. There may be clues pointing to this being one of the later psalms, even after Babylonian Captivity (1-3). Many believe this was a song sung by Jewish pilgrims who sang it on their way to Jerusalem for one of the major feast days. It is full of parallelism, where the writer says the same thing two similar ways (nearly every verse contains this, except 3, 12, 26, 34, 37, and 40).

But as we pay attention to its structure, it looks like it contains four main "strophes" (poetic stanzas). Each strophe ends with the same chorus or refrain: "Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men" (8, 15, 21, 31). It covers the full range of human distress and problems and God's gracious response. We struggle, God delivers, and for that we should always be thankful! Truly, God is so good!

God is Good When We Wander (4-9). Historically, we would think of the wilderness wandering or even being scattered by captivity. But this seems bigger than just one occasion. Whether we wander by sin, wander because of struggles and distresses, God is still so good to be our beacon and compass. He will help us find our way home, which should fill our hearts with gratitude. He can lead us back from any and every direction we have gone.

God is Good When We Are Oppressed (10-16). Sometimes our struggle is not of our own making and choosing. Sometimes, though, it is the result of our rebellion. Either way, when we face darkness and death, chains and misery, He brings us out and breaks us free. No one has to stay in spiritual prison. God offers freedom. That should draw our gratitude, He's so good!

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The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

- We have 4 seniors graduating from M.H.S. on May 5th: Hilton Wyatt, Daylee Brightwell, Ava Bolfa, and Robert Langston. There is a table set up in the foyer for cards and gifts to honor them. We wish them well!
- Jeff Young's knee replacement went well. He is home recovering and doing pretty good.
- Treva Voyles passed away. Please keep Anthony Weston and his family in your prayers.
- Robby Qualls passed away. Please keep Shelby Qualls and his family in your prayers at this time.
- Gage Barn's is scheduled for chemo treatments over the next three months. Please keep Gage and his family in your prayers.
- Debbie Crow is in the Woodlawn Care Facility for rehab. She is recovering from stroke like paralysis on her right side and speech difficulties.

OPENING PRAYER Joe Cooper
CLOSING PRAYER Chipper Lamb



APRIL

KELLY DON WEBB **DANNY RUNION**
DANNY BRIGHTWELL **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**

MAY

RUSTY TREAT **BRITAN TREAT**
ALAN LOVE **DAVIS LOVE**

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God is Good When We Are Hurting (17-22). He writes of afflictions and again some of which are self-inflicted and others which are brought upon us. It doesn't matter which way it happens, God can heal our wounds. His word is medicine and He is the Great Physician. There is salvation and deliverance.

God is Good When We Are in Danger (23-32). An illustration of danger is of being storm-tossed at sea. Stormy winds and waves threaten to capsize us and expose us to the deep. We may at times feel like we're hanging on by a thread, in desperation.

This psalm makes me think of the hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" The writer brings up four different scenarios where we hurt or struggle, and we are reminded of how much He cares! There's a good chance you are struggling right now or you have just been through struggle or are about to go through it. Please remember the goodness of God and His ability to help you through it. But He hushes the winds and stills the storms. God is so good!

The writer closes by speaking of all the ways God turns chaos into calm (33-43). He may not have mentioned your specific trial in this psalm, but he covered it. Remember, no matter what you face, He will bless you and help you through it all! No doubt, it will make you sing, "God is so good!"

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow	Cornelia Summers
Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin
Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Joe Guiltner	Toby Weatherford
Ruby Patillo			

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th
Lacey Weston 9 th	Carly Webb 11 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th
Melissa Morrison 14 th	Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th
Rhett Morrison 17 th	Torrey Bishop 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd
Doug Sipe 25 th	Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th
Dana Ingram 30 th		

April Anniversaries

Joe & Dana Ingram 17th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Bible Class 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Family game night every 4th Sunday from 5-7 p.m.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Isaiah 40:28-31, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to *him who* lacks might He increases power. Those those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up *with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.*"