

## A VERY THANKFUL PSALM

**Psalm 107** (and many of the Psalms of David) sing the song of gratefulness. Check this one out. What are the things that made this Psalm-writer sing? Can you relate? (selections from the Message)

Oh, thank GOD - he's so good! His love never runs out.  
All of you set free by GOD, tell the world! Tell how he freed you from oppression,  
Then rounded you up from all over the place, from the four winds, from the seven seas.

Some of you wandered for years in the desert, looking but not finding a good place to live,  
Half-starved and parched with thirst, staggering and stumbling, on the brink of exhaustion.

Then, in your desperate condition, you called out to GOD. He got you out in the nick of time;  
He put your feet on a wonderful road that took you straight to a good place to live.  
So thank GOD for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves.  
He poured great draughts of water down parched throats; the starved and hungry got plenty to eat.

Some of you were locked in a dark cell, cruelly confined behind bars,  
Punished for defying God's Word, for turning your back on the High God's counsel—  
A hard sentence, and your hearts so heavy, and not a soul in sight to help.

Then you called out to GOD in your desperate condition; He got you out in the nick of time.  
He led you out of your dark, dark cell, broke open the jail and led you out.  
So thank GOD for His marvelous love, for His miracle mercy to the children he loves;  
He shattered the heavy jailhouse doors, He snapped the prison bars like matchsticks!

Some of you were sick because you'd lived a bad life, your bodies feeling the effects of your sin;  
You couldn't stand the sight of food, so miserable you thought you'd be better off dead.

Then you called out to GOD in your desperate condition; He got you out in the nick of time.  
He spoke the word that healed you, that pulled you back from the brink of death.  
So thank GOD for his marvelous love, for His miracle mercy to the children he loves;  
Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what He's done—sing it out!

Good people see this and are glad; bad people are speechless, stopped in their tracks.  
If you are really wise, you'll think this over - it's time you appreciated GOD'S deep love.