

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE DANGER OF FORGETFULNESS

PSALMS 106

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⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Introduction:

In this passage we are reminded of the danger of forgetting God.

Note:

1. PROMISE FROM GOD – “BLESSED ARE THEY THAT KEEP ... THAT DOETH” (VS. 1-3)

Psalm 106:1-3

*¹ Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. ² Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise? ³ **Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.***

Notice:

- A. Our Praise (vs. 1)
- B. Our Proclamation (vs. 2)
- C. Our Practice (vs. 3)

Note not only a Promise but secondly:

2. PROVISIONS OF GOD (VS. 4-5)

Psalm 106:4-5

*⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;
⁵ That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.*

As we consider God's provisions we see several attributes of God in these verses.

Notice:

- A. His Grace – *“Remember me, O LORD, with the favour”* (vs. 4)
- B. His Goodness – *“That I may see the good of thy chosen”* (vs. 5)

Thank God for His provisions.

Notice thirdly:

3. THE POWER OF GOD (VS. 6-12)

Psalm 106:6-12

⁶ We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. ⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea. ⁸ Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known. ⁹ He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. ¹⁰ And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. ¹¹ And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. ¹² Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

Note:

A. His Defined Purpose – “That He might make His mighty power known” (vs. 8)

Psalm 106:8

⁸ Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

God wants the same today.

B. His Display of Power (vs. 9-11)

Psalm 106:9-11

⁹ He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. ¹⁰ And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. ¹¹ And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

- God Rebuked the Red Sea
- God Rescued from the hand of him that hated them
- God Redeemed from the hand of the enemy
- God Re-payed in covering the enemy with water

4. THE PROBLEM OF THE PEOPLE (VS. 13-18)

Note:

A. The Problem (vs. 13-14)

Psalm 106:13-14

¹³ They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: ¹⁴ But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

- Indifference – “They soon forgot His works” (vs. 13)
- Impatience – “The waited not for His counsel:” (vs. 13)
- Indulgence – “But lusted exceedingly ... and tempted God: (vs. 14)

B. The Penalty (vs. 15)

Psalm 106:15

¹⁵ And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

C. The Punishment (vs. 16-18)

Psalm 106:16-18

¹⁶ They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. ¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. ¹⁸ And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

Notice:

- God punished the Agitators of Rebellion (vs. 17)
- God punished the Adherents of Rebellion (vs. 18)

Close:

If we are going to praise the Lord as He deserved we must remember his power, provisions, and promise.

Also remember the Problem of Forgetting these things and the results of forgetting.

May we never forget Him