

Psalm 105
The Chief End of Redemption

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Questions from the Scripture text: How does the Psalm begin (v1a)? How does it end (v45c, cf. v2a, 3a)? What is to be added to this thanksgiving and praise (v1b, cf. v3b-4)? What else (v1c, cf. v2b, v5)? Among whom? What does v6 call these peoples? Who is He (v7a)? And to them? Where does He operate (v7b)? What does He remember (v8)? For how long? With whom did He make it (v9-10)? What did He promise them (v11)? At what time (v12-13)? What did He do for them then (v14)? What did He call them (v15)? What was one way He brought His covenant to pass (v16-22)? What was another (v23-25)? How was this resolved (v26-38)? What was it like when He brought them out (v39-41)? Why did He do this for a grumbling people (v42)? What did He give them in their hearts (v43)? Why—what does this verse call them? What else did He give them (v44)? So that they would do what (v45a-b)?

Why does God redeem sinners? Psalm 105 prepares us for the opening portion of public worship on the Lord's Day. In these forty-five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **God redeems sinners to display His glory in faithfulness, power, mercy, generosity, and wisdom.**

God redeems sinners to display His glory, v1-5, 45c. There is nothing better for the creature than to enjoy the great glory of the Creator, which God has especially given His people to do by praising (v1a, 2a, 3a, 45c), praying (v1b, 3b-4), and preaching (v1c, 2b, 5). God is His own pleasure from all eternity, and there is no greater gift than for Him to bring us into His pleasure in His own glory (v43, cf. Jn 15:11, 17:13, 17:22, 17:24).

God redeems sinners to display His faithfulness, v6-12, 42. He makes them promises so that they are brought into fellowship with Him by His Word. This binding-promise, v8-10 calls a covenant. He spoke it (v11), when it appeared impossible (v12), showing that His Word will always be kept, simply because it is His (v42). His redemption, coming according to covenant, is a great display of His faithfulness.

God redeems sinners to display His power, v13-38. Whether Canaanites (v13-15), famine and slavery for Joseph (v16-22), or bondage under a hostile Pharaoh (v23-38), the Lord brought His people through hardship after hardship. He displayed His power in protecting them from ultimate harm, in carrying them in the midst of the hardship, and in delivering them out of the hardship. This was especially on display in the plagues. God's redemption is a great display of His power.

God redeems sinners to display His mercy, v39-41. The amazing thing about this part of the Psalm is that, despite God making a display of Himself to them, they grumbled! The grumbling about food and water literally occurred before the pillar of cloud and fire. Yet, God showed them mercy with quail, manna, and even water from the rock. He redeems sinners precisely to display the riches of His glory in mercy toward them who don't deserve it.

God redeems sinners to display His generosity, v43-44. As we noted in thinking about the display of His glory, this is the greatest generosity. Protection, provision, inheritance... these are all well and good. But the great generosity is the joy and gladness of knowing Him and being known by Him, of loving Him and being loved by Him. It is the joy of God Himself, and He redeems us to bring us into it. When the Lord Jesus is praying for us according to the eternal covenant within the Godhead, this is precisely what He prays for (v43, cf. Jn 15:11; 17:13, 22, 24).

God redeems sinners to display His wisdom, v45a-b. In redeeming sinners, God makes sinners new so that they receive His Word, and as He sustains them in following that Word, they discover the goodness and fruitfulness of His wisdom in their lives. He saves them by grace through faith. And not only does He give them statutes and laws, but He works in them to make them to walk in those good works that He has prepared beforehand for them (v44, cf. Eph 2:8-10). God redeems sinners for His own glory in their good. What a marvelous God He is! Praise the LORD!

What is your chief end? Has God redeemed you? How ought you respond? How have you been responding this way? For each attribute of His in this Psalm, what is one way that He has done this with you?

Sample prayer: Lord, we praise You for Your great glory. You have been faithful to make Your covenant and keep it. You have protected us from every evil, sustained us through every trial, and will save us out of every adversity. We praise You for the mercy in which You repay our sin with forgiveness in Christ and kindness that is according to His merit. Thus You gave your people meat, and manna, and water. And thus You have given us every blessing in our lives. Even more than that, You have made Yourself our reward and joy, bringing us into Your own glory and joy. Grant that we would observe Your statutes and keep Your laws, and glorify and enjoy You now and forever, through Jesus Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP105A "O Thank the LORD (Call on His Name)" or TPH105C "O Praise the LORD, His Deeds Make Known"

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Psalm 105. These are the words of god. Okay. Thanks to y'all play. Call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the people's sing to him. Sing psalms to him. Talk of all his wondrous works glory in his holy name. That the hearts of those rejoice who seek yahweh.

Seek yahweh and his strength seek his face. Forevermore remember. His marvelous works, which he has done. Has wonders and the judgments of his mouth. Oh, seed of abraham is servant you children of jacob has chosen once He has yahweh our god. His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever.

The word which he commanded for a thousand generations, the covenant, which he made with abraham and his oath, the Isaac. And confirmed it to jacob for a statute. To israel as an everlasting covenant. Saying to you, i will give the land of canaan. Because the allotment of your inheritance.

When they were fewer. Number indeed, very few. And strangers in it. When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people, He permitted no one to do them wrong. Yes, he rebuked kings for their sakes. Saying do not touch my anointed ones. Do my profits?

No harm. Moreover, he called for a famine in the land. He destroyed all the provision of bread. He sent a man before them joseph who has sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons until the time that his word came to pass the word of yahweh.

Tested him. The king sent and released him the ruler of the people, let him go free. He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions to bind his princes at his pleasure. And teach his elders, wisdom. Asral also came into egypt into jacob, dwelt in the land of ham.

He increased his people greatly and made them stronger than their enemies. He turned their heart to hate his people. To deal craftily with his servants. He sent Moses his servant and Aaron whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them and wonders in the land of ham. He sent darkness and made it dark.

They did not rebel against his word. He turned their waters into blood and killed their fish. Their land abandoned with frogs even in the chambers of their kings. He spoke. And there came a swarm as a flies and lice and all their territory. He gave them hail for rain and flaming fire in their land.

His truck. Their vines also and their fig trees and splintered the trees of their territory. He spoke and locusts came. Young locusts without number. And date up all the vegetation in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. He also destroyed all the firstborn of their land. The first of all, their strength, He also brought them out with silver and gold.

And there was none feeble among his tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed. For the fear of them had fallen upon them. He spread a cloud for covering. And fire to give light in the night. The people asked and he brought quail. And he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock and water gushed out, it ran and dry places like a river. For he remembered his holy promise. And abraham has servant. He brought out his

people with joy. Has chosen ones with gladness. He gave them the lands of the gentiles. And they inherited the labor of the nations.

That they might observe his statutes. And keep his laws. Praise. Software.

When this ends this reading of god's, Inspired and inherent word. The psalm as a whole tells the story of The lord redeeming, his people. Uh, but it tells the account to the lord redeeming his people. By way, are they call to worship? Why does god redeem his people? To display his glory in them and to them.

So that they may enjoy him and his glory. So the psalm actually tells you at the beginning at the end, the end. What the purpose of the psalm is, and what the purpose, then of his redeeming is. That we would worship him. That we would give him. Thanks at the beginning of the psalm and praise.

At the end of the psalm. And the worship of god is, Uh, easily summarized as described in this psalm. As praising praying and preaching. Praising give thanks to your way. First part of verse 1, sing to him. Sing psalms. To him. So first part of our student, Glory. In his holy name.

Uh, first part of verse 3, and then, of course the very end Praise y'all play. So there's the praising. Especially the singing. And then there's praying. Second part of verse 1, call upon his name, Second part of verse 3, into verse 4, Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek yahweh.

Seek your way and his strength, seek his face. Forever more. Seeking him. This is the praying. In the worship of god. Not so much seeking something from him. Although we do bring to him. Who we are and our neediness who is and his glory. There's much praise and adoration in prayer too.

When we seek in, We praise him and thank him in our praying. But praying is primarily a calling upon his name. Are seeking of his face. So, there's not just praising and praying. But there's preaching. When you see that in the third part of verse 1, Make known his deeds among the people's note, the plural there.

That this Um, Assembly of this seed of abraham. Verse 6. The children of jacob verse 6. The chosen ones. Verse 6 is not just one people, it's not just israel, is it? Oh well it's not just ethnic Israel. It is as the new testament, will call them the israel of god or the holy Jerusalem.

Or the children of abraham by faith, from both the circumcision and the uncircumcision. And so, There is this making known of his deeds? This preaching? Second part of verse two talk. Of all of his wondrous works. Verse 5, remember. His marvelous works. Which he has done, has wonders. And the judgments of his mouth.

And it's wonderful to worship god in preaching. Because, Because redemption is according to his promise, his covenant, which he commanded his oath, His speaking. And even the providence of god, Is carried out by his word verse 16, he called for a famine. In the land, verse 14, he rebuked kings for their sakes, you remember him?

Rebuking abimelech, and Behalf of, Abraham. And then again, isaac. Attention. There was one more.

Yes. First 31, verse 34. He spoke. And there came storms of flies. He spoke and locusts came You remember? Moses and Aaron were As profits not as profits. Moses and Aaron were prophets and the lord brought the plagues even also by his word. And so you have his word, which he used to create his word which he used to promise.

The redemption is word by which he rules and almighty power and sovereignty. Carries out his providence. That's Hebrews one says, He upholds all things by the word of his power. And he gives us to worship him by his word. Make known his deeds talk of all his wondrous works.

Remember his marvelous works. Which he has done. So worship by praising and praying and preaching. In all of these, he displays his glory to his people. And among his people and through his people. Indeed. He gives them to have. His own delight. He delights in himself from all eternity.

And he gives to us. To delight in him. Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek y'all play verse 3 and then as he's coming back to the purpose of worship, at the end of the psalm, Verse 43. He brought out his people with joy. Has chosen one's With gladness.

Praise. Yahweh at the end there. Verse 45. So god received redeemed, sinners to display his glory and especially That we might see and enjoy. Him and his glory, which happens. Especially. In the public worship. Where is the assembly of the people's? Who prays and pray. And preach into your preaching.

So god redeemed sinners to display his glory, god redeemed, sinners to display his faithfulness at long section. Well, not that long, seven verses or so. A seed of abraham has servant your children of jacob has chosen ones verse 6. And then in verse 7 through 12 Reminding them of the covenant.

That the lord bound himself. Uh, to those whom he was going to redeem. By his word. Of course, he didn't have to make promises, he didn't have to tell them what he was going to do. He could have just saved them. But by saying it in advance and then doing it.

We can have the wonderful conclusion. Verse 42. For he remembered his holy promise. And abraham has servant. So, by speaking at first and promising it first, He makes his redemption also a display of his faithfulness to his work. The reliability of what he says, the truth of what he says.

So you and i can Study psalm 105 right now in family worship and we can pray and sing. Psalm 105. And as we do, so we remember And the holy spirit. Applies to our hearts. God's word is reliable. God's word is true. God is faithful to his word. We can bank On what he tells us about himself and christ and the salvation that he gives us in christ, he is faithful.

So god's redeemed sinners to display his glory god redeemed, sinners to display his faithfulness. God redeemed, sinners to display his power. When he did make the promises to them. There's the end of the last section verse 12. There were few in number Very few and strangers in it. And yet, god, Protected them.

So you remember, he Protected abraham and Isaac. And jacob but abraham and Isaac and particular from abimelech is Summarized, and Versus. 13 through 15. The time in Canaan. He showed his power, not just in protecting them, but he showed his power. In their troubles. Both the personal trouble of joseph.

Joseph, who's brought all the way down to? Bondage and iron fetters around his feet. And you know, the psalm almost like zooms in to the point of you know, where the iron touches his feet in verse 18 and the the pain Um, where it robbed or bound? Too tightly.

And yet what did the power of god do? It elevated joseph. So that he became the one who binds the princes of egypt. So that the elders of egypt who are thought to be the Uh, the wisest most Uh, knowledgeable. Um, intelligent people on earth. Joseph taught them. His wisdom.

Verse 22. So you see the power of god. The power of god to sustain his people. In the midst of trouble. The power of god, to Bring them. Out of their trouble unto protect the trouble from hurting them in the meantime. Oh, this personal. Application of the power of god and his redemption.

Very helpful to each one of us. That we may know that. Whatever the lord brings us through. It is in part to display his power. This power to keep it from being ultimately harmful to us as power to sustain us in the middle of it and ultimately his power to bring us out of it because this is not how it ends.

Then he did that what she had done for Joseph in a small way. Also, of course, to save The promised family, the people of the church. From famine. And he does it in a corporate way. When he gives them over to slavery in Egypt. The children of Ham, the children of the curse.

Were allowed. To oppress and persecute. The children of Abraham. The children of Jacob, the children of Israel. And so God's redemption is not on hold. When? The Unbeliever and the reprobate. It is permitted to persecute and oppress. And slave. And eight. The people of God, no. God is doing for his people corporately, then as he did for Joseph, personally and individually before Darkness.

Does not rebel against his word verse 28. Egypt, might be rebelling against his word. But darkness and dark. Don't he sovereignly rule? Over all things. And so you see how Not only did he bring them out but the psalm reminds us He brought them out with silver and gold.

And he sustained them. There is none feeble. Among his tribes. That's a God redeemed, sinners to display his power. And this of course, on a much larger scale. Then. Israel and Egypt. There is another kingdom that hates his people. And it seems incredibly powerful. And it shall be. Destroyed even more devastatingly.

And his people shall come out. Even more blessed. God redeems. Sinners To display his power. God redeemed, sinners to display his mercy. Certainly was not because Israel was good. That God did this? And you see that in verse 40, They asked and he brought quail. It's actually intensified. Because of what it doesn't say.

In verse 40 they asked They asked. The wicked. God, hating grumbling. That. Exodus and Numbers, especially describe. And it says they asked and he gave them quail, they asked and he gave them manna They asked and he gave them water for from a rock. No. He was not responding to their.

Their pious godly sincere, believing prayer. He was actually responding to their sin. With mercy. With grace. For the sake of his covenant, promise that the psalm earlier talked about So, even the way that versus Um, 40 and 41 describe it. We remember. The. The grid wickedness. Of Israel. And we too, I think are convicted every time.

Because so long as the, Flesh remains in us. We endure a thousand grumbings a day. From our remaining sinfulness we Put it to death. Hopefully, immediately maybe not. Maybe this is something the The lord would convict you of if you have a grumbling spirit in your life, Um, but even when the lord is helping us to have a cheerful and grateful and believing and thankful, Uh, disposition.

We still find those grumbings that rise in our heart over and over again. We have to Put them to death. Turn back to the lord confess that he's been merciful. Unless we think, That. Growing in an awareness that he has always with us. And that he Um, And that he is merciful to us.

And has redeemed us of lest. We think that that is automatically going to stop our grumbling. Look at verse 39. He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light in the night. Let us not forget. That the grumbling of the Israelites was in view. Of pillar of cloud and fire.

They had visible. Manifestation, that God was with them and God had redeemed them. And they still grumbled. So, hey, how much more do we need? By faith to be mindful that the lord has always with us. And be. Let us watch against grumbling, but let us. Praise God. That he redeemed, sinners to display his mercy.

It's over against what we deserve. So God redeemed, sinners to display his glory, God redeemed, the sinners to display his faithfulness. Your redeemed sinners to display his power. God redeemed, sinners to display his mercy.

Godredeem. Sinners to display his generosity. Not just the gifts that he Gave in mercy, but The gift of. Inheritance verse 44. He gave them the lands of the gentiles. The inherited the labor of the nations. Even as. We heard to preach to the lord's day in Matthew. 5 blessed are the meek, the lowly humble.

For they shall inherit the earth, the inheritance of Jesus. Is bequeathed upon those who believe into Jesus are united. Are united to Jesus by faith. But the inheritance of Jesus is more than the earth, isn't it? It's more than the lands and labor of the nations. Verse 44. It is the lord himself.

But those rejoice who seek the lord. Seeking him, we will find him. He is generous. He gives us his own joy. To be in us. This is what Jesus prays for in John 17. When he's praying. That. Um, the lord would bring us at last all to be one with him.

And one with God. To. He says, you know, I have spoken to them that my joy. May be in them and they may have it to the full. He had said that to his disciples. Couple chapters earlier, John 15 verse 11, And that joy that he describes in John, 17, verse 13 is actually specified in verse 22 and verse 24.

As a beholding, the glory of the triune God. Beholding, the glory of the Father beholding, the glory of the Son. So God is bringing us into his own joy. Beholding adoring delighting in praising his glory. Which Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Have been doing as one, God. From all eternity.

God redeemed, sinners to display. His generosity. And God does radium sinners to display his wisdom. Um, the goodness of his statutes and his laws. Are demonstrated. Uh not just when he righteously punishes those who don't follow them. Although that does Vindicate, the goodness of the statutes and laws, to some extent, some extent not just Because everything miserably falls apart if you don't follow them, although that does happen.

And that does. Vindicate them, but When God redeems people to himself, And he gives them. New life. To be obeying, his statutes and his loss. It displays that, what the law couldn't do. God has done through Jesus Christ, those wonderful opening, four or five verses. Of Romans chapter 8.

Or to think of it from another place. When God saves us by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ, Ephesians 2, a to nine a faith that he himself gives us He also then displays his workmanship. Having created us in Christ Jesus. What to do? What? To walk in.

Good works that he is prepared beforehand for us to walk in them. And so, there is this. Almost climactic and those who Um, don't like to talk about obedience don't like to talk about the law don't like to talk about holiness. They're out of sync with Psalm 105. Because someone of five actually kind of climaxes on That they might observe his statutes.

And keep his laws. And there's this amazement that these people could ever do that the first place. But as they do that, they show not only. The glory of. God's faithfulness and power and mercy and generosity. In saving them. But the glory of God's wisdom in his good law.

Which they are now able to walk in. And is displayed in its beauty. As he blesses it to them. So God redeemed, sinners for his own glory and They're good for his own glory in, they're good. Here's a marvelous, God. When he saves us ultimately, that we may enjoy him.

Forever. Lord, grant you to Enjoy. As his spirit convinces, you of these things shows them. Brings them to mind. Not only from his word and history. But gives you to be able to see that. He is like this with you in your life. His faithful to his work, he is powerful.

To sustain you in every difficulty to bring you out. Of difficulty at last. He has merciful. To treat you. Not according to Have the way you walk with him, which is sinful. But according to his love and the righteousness of his son, whom he gave in that love Here's generous with you.

Giving you all good things. But especially giving himself to you. And he redeems you to show his wisdom. So honor him by walking according to his law and his statutes. Knowing that as you do, it's only e who by grace has sustained you He'd be glorified that way. And he'd be glorified by the goodness of his law named glorified by the blessing that you get and walking in it.

The lord give you to. Experience the truth of this psal. As you walk with him. Let's pray. Thank you, father for Your word, your fatherly instruction to us your Torah. We thank you for your spirit who makes us to know you as our father. And therefore ourselves as your children in the lord.

Jesus. We thank you for making us to know him. As our god, our savior And your word to us, your wisdom, your faithfulness. Your power, your mercy for us. The great display of yourself. So we pray for your spirit's ongoing work in us that we might know you. And especially by faith.

See christ. And all these ways give us to live. By that faith in him, we ask in his name, Amen.