

Psalm 106

Now praise the LORD, and offer thanks to Him
For He is good: His love endures for aye:
For who can tell the mighty acts He does
Or who declare all His praiseworthiness?

Happy are those who maintain what is just:
The ones who do the right thing at all times!
Remember me, O LORD, and show me grace:
Visit Your people with Your saving help

That I may see the good that they enjoy
And may rejoice to see their happiness,
And glory in Your great inheritance,
The nation You have chosen for Yourself!

For like our fathers, we have also sinned
And have done evil and iniquity,
For when our fathers were in Egypt's land
They failed to understand Your wondrous acts!

And they forgot Your acts of loyal love
And they rebelled beside the Sea of Reeds,
Yet He saved them, for the sake of His name
That He might show His greatness unto them!

And He rebuked the sea, and it dried up:
He led them through its depths as on dry land:
He saved them from the hands of hateful men
And He redeemed them from their enemy!

The waters covered up their enemies:
Not one of them was left alive that day!
Then they believed the words He'd said to them,
And sang His praises with a joyful song!

But all too quickly they forgot His deeds:
They did not wait for His advice to them:
They lusted greatly in the wilderness
And tempted God while in the desert waste!

He gave them what they asked for on that day
But sent a wasting illness on them there:
They envied Moses, with them in the camp.
And Aaron, who was holy to the LORD.

The earth was opened, and it swallowed them:
It covered Dathan and Abiram's men:
A fire blazed within their company
And flames consumed those evil-doers then!

They made a calf in Horeb, near the mount,
A molten image, and they worshipped it,
And they exchanged the glory of their God
Into the form of an ox eating grass!

And they forgot the God Who rescued them,
The One Who did great things in Egypt's land,
And wondrous works within the land of Ham
And awesome wonders at the Sea of Reeds!

And God said that He would destroy them then
Had it not been for Moses, whom He chose:
For Moses stood in the breach before GOD,
To turn away His wrath from slaying them!

And they despised His promised pleasant land,
And they did not believe the word He said:
They grumbled in their tents against the LORD
And they did not obey the voice of GOD.

He lifted up His hand against them then
To make them perish in the wilderness,
And to disperse their off-spring far and wide
And scatter them in many foreign lands!

The joined themselves to the Baal of Peor
And ate the off'rings made unto the dead:
They made God angry with their wily schemes,
And plague broke out among the people there!

Then Phinehas stood up, and intervened:
The plague was stayed, for in God's reckoning
His was an act of righteousness to last
From generation to generation!

Then they provoked the LORD to wrath again
Beside the waters close to Meribah,
And Moses suffered there on their account,
For they provoked him and he spoke rash words.

And they did not destroy the nations whom
The LORD commanded them to do that day:
They inter-married with the nations and
They learned their customs and their evil deeds.

They worshipped, too, the idols they had made
And by those idols they were then ensnared:
They sacrificed their sons and daughters too
To demons, and they spilled innocent blood.

The blood of their sons and daughters was spilled
To Canaan's idols as a sacrifice:
The land became polluted in God's sight
With all the blood shed in these evil rites.

And by their own acts they became unclean
And went a-whoring with their evil schemes:
The LORD was angry with His people then
And He abhorred His own inheritance.

He gave them into the hands of their foes
And other nations then ruled over them:
Their enemies oppressed them cruelly
And they were subdued underneath their hands.

And many times He sent and rescued them,
But they kept on rebelling against Him,
And were brought low for their iniquity:
Such were their actions time and time again!

He saw their distress and He heard their cry,
And for their sake recalled His covenant,
And He relented, for His love is great:
Their captors had compassion on them then!

Save us, O LORD our God, we humbly pray,
And from among the nations gather us
To offer thanks to Your most holy name
And to give glory to You in our praise!

Blest be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From age to age, and then forevermore,
And let the people join to say "Amen!",
And let us praise the LORD forevermore!

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