

# Psalm 106

**The same history of Israel, which in Psalm 105 was reviewed to display the grace of the Creator God, is in this Psalm considering the unworthiness of God's chosen people.**

In **Psalm 105** we saw the Creator God's faithfulness to the covenant He made with His servant Abraham, **in this Psalm we see His faithfulness in His correction and discipline of His people.**

**Psalms 106:1-6** [New King James] *“Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise? Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, with the favour You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.”*

**These introductory words of the Psalmist who delights in the Creator God, by declaring His works and doing His will, desires the Creator God's blessing on both himself and his nation.**

The Psalmist confesses his own sins and those of his nation [verse 6] as an opening to his plea for mercy.

**The main body of this Psalm [verses 7-46] contain four major incidents in the history of Israel, in order to portray the process of spiritual regeneration in a blessed and privileged community of people.**

**We need to consider just how many Christians live in similar conditions today.**

a) **The exodus from Egypt [verses 7-12]** – the Psalmist's purpose is to display a double truth where grace abounded sin also abounded and where sin abounded grace also abounded, shown in the first major physical problem, the Red Sea, [Exodus 14:11-12].

**How soon after accepting forgiveness of our sins do we doubt the wisdom of obeying God's way of life?**

**Notice this doubt on the part of the Israelites did not stop the Creator God from freeing them from Egypt [sin], and leading them to the Promised Land.**

**Romans 5:8** [New King James] *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**The process of salvation is something that happens after our forgiveness, [Romans 5:9-11].**

**Eventually the Israelites did trust and praise the Creator God, even though this was not a continual attitude of mind.**

b) **In the wilderness [verses 13-23]** – how fickle the people were in contrast with the changeless grace of the Creator God.

**Three incidents are given of craving for personal satisfaction.**

**Appetite** – [verses 14 and 15] referring to Exodus 16:2-3 and the providing of manna and quails.

**Political equality** – [verses 16-18] referring to Numbers 16:1-3, 19-33.

**Religious licence** – [verses 19-23] referring to **Exodus 32** and the making of the golden calf image.

**This action of the Israelites was particularly offensive to the Creator God because it was done at His Holy Mount of Horeb [Deuteronomy 9:8] and because the Israelites ascribed to this image the wonderful works of the Creator God, [Exodus 32:4].**

**Note the persistence of this heresy by Israel, [1 Kings 12:28].**

**Note also that even in some so-called Christian churches, images and idols are still venerated as if symbolic of the true Creator God.**

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**c) Further rebellion** – [verses 24-27] – the first occasion was [Numbers 13:32-33; Numbers 14:41-42]. After being told that because of their accepting the bad report of the spies who went into the Promised Land, that they would spend the next 40 years in the wilderness, [Numbers 14:26-38].

Israel tried a futile invasion attempt to enter the Promised Land, [Numbers 14:39-45].

**Another occasion** – [verses 28-31] when encamped by Jordan River at Shittim, Israel attached themselves to Baal of Peor the Canaanite god of one piece of the land of Canaan, every piece of land had its own deity, [Baal meaning master], this contact included licentious idolatry, a serious default from the obligations of the covenant made with Abraham, the result of inward rotteness, the recurrent unbelief.

Hence the plague which was only stayed by the action of Phinehas, [Numbers 25:7-8].

**Corruption in the Promised Land** - [Psalms 106:32-46] – these verses describe how the people of Israel mingled with the nations around them and learned to act as they did, [verse 35].

This was a deliberate breaking of the covenant with the Creator God and swiftly led to horrible idolatrous practices, [Leviticus 20:1-5; 1 Kings 11:7; 2 Kings 16:2-4; Ezekiel 16:20-21; Ezekiel 20:23-32].

In consequence of this rebellion and idol worship the anger of the Creator God was aroused, [verse 40] and the people were oppressed and humiliated, [verses 41-43] but not without the continuance of the Creator God’s pity, [verses 44-46; Judges 2:11-23].

**Psalms 106:47** [New King James] “*Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.*”

**In some measure the four phrases are related to the preceding errors, “save us” [verses 41-42], “gather us” [verse 35], “give thanks” [contrast to verses 25 and 32], “to triumph in Your praise,” [contrast to verses 23 and 26].**

**Psalms 106:48** [New King James] “*Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’ Praise the LORD!*”

**This final part of the Psalm is exactly what every true Christian should be constantly praying that the Creator God will bring to fruition, a world that will acknowledge the One and only true Creator God of the Christian Bible, and forsake all the false “gods” that are being worshipped as a result of the deception of Satan that the Creator God is allowing to happen, allowing all humanity to experience exactly what it is like to live without the Creator God in our lives, [2 Corinthians 4:4].**

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