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REDEMPTION

Throughout the word of God, we see how Israel was saved from destruction only to go back into idolatry and sin. In Psalm 107 there is a clear story of their highs and lows. **Four times** in this Psalm it says, ***“Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.”*** (vs. 6, 13, 19 and 28). They would repent but they would go back to their old ways of sin and idolatry. In verse 39 it says, ***“again they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.”*** These three things came as the result of sin.

It would seem to me that after so much suffering that they would have learned their lesson, but they did not. They continued to sin and suffer and eventually were scattered throughout the world. In spite of this, God had a plan of redemption for them through the coming of Jesus Christ. His shed blood would offer them redemption and bring them the peace and grace that they needed. Most of the early church were Jewish. 3,000 Jews were saved on the day of Pentecost. They turned the world upside down with the gospel of redemption.

God loves us so much that he gives us chance after chance when we fail him through sin. Yet, it is so simple to get things right with God when we fail. How? ***We cry unto the Lord in our trouble and he delivers us out of our distresses*** just like it says in Psalm 107. When we cry, it is acknowledgement of our sin, or repentance. We are no different than the Jews of the Old Testament. We fail, but we have a redeemer ready and willing to cleanse us and deliver us from our distresses.

It is useless to think that we can do it on our own by “turning over a new leaf.” That will never work. We must repent and ask for forgiveness. How many times will God continue to do this? Peter asked this question and was told 70x7. Perhaps that is how many times, but it says in Lamentations 3:22-23, ***“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”***

Praise God for redemption! Jesus ~~blots out our sin~~ with his blood and His faithfulness is renewed every morning. Hallelujah!