

Psalm 106

- 1 O praise the LORD! O thank the LORD!
For bountiful is He;
Because His lovingkindness lasts
To all eternity.
Who can express Jehovah's praise
Or tell His deeds of might?
O blessed are they who justice keep
And ever do the right.
- 2 Regard me with the favor, LORD,
Which Thou dost bear to Thine.
O visit Thou my soul in love;
Make Thy salvation mine;
That I may see Thy people's good
And in their joy rejoice,
And may with Thine inheritance
Exult with cheerful voice.
- 3 With all our fathers we have sinned,
Iniquity have done;
We have gone on in wickedness,
In evil ways have run.
Our fathers did not understand
Thy works in Egypt done;
Of all Thy many mercies shown,
They did remember none.
- 4 Though at the sea, the Sea of Reeds,
They were rebellious grown,
He saved them for His own name's sake,
To make His pow-er known.
And so the Red Sea He rebuked;
It dried at His command.
And then He led them through the depths
As through the desert land.

- 5 And from the hand that hated them,
He did His people save,
And from the hand of enemies
To them redemption gave.
The water overwhelmed their foes;
None lived of all their throng.
His people then believed His words
And praised His name in song.
- 6 The people soon forgot His works,
Nor waited for His will;
They lusted in the wilderness,
And God they tempted still.
He filled them with the meat they craved,
A plague made their reward.
Men envied Moses, Aaron scorned,
One holy to the LORD.
- 7 The op'ning earth on Dathan closed,
Abiram's band entombed;
A fire blazed in their company
And wicked ones consumed.
Yet they at Horeb made a calf,
Before an image kneeled;
They made their glory like an ox
That eats grass in the field.
- 8 Then God their Savior they forgot,
Great things in Egypt done,
In Ham's land, by the Sea of Reeds,
His awesome deeds each one.
He said He'd cut them off, unless
Before Him in the way
He'd chosen Moses there to stand
And turn His wrath away.

9 Then they despised the pleasant land,
Did not believe His word,
But, grumbling in their tents, refused
To hearken to the LORD.

He therefore swore to cast them down
There in the desert sands,
Among the nations cast their seed,
And scatter through the lands.

10 To Baal-Peor they were joined,
Ate off'rings to the dead,
Provoked His anger with their deeds;
The plague among them spread.

Then Phin'has stood and interposed,
And so the plague was stayed;
Forever this as righteousness
To His account was paid.

11 At Meribah they angered Him,
On Moses evil brought,
For they provoked his temper so
His speech was rash and hot.

They would not heed the LORD's command
The heathen tribes to slay,
But mingled with the nations all
And learned their evil way.

12 When they the heathen idols served,
These were to them a snare,
For they to demons sacrificed
Their sons and daughters there.

They poured out guiltless blood, the blood
Their sons and daughters shed
When they, to idols sacrificed,
On Canaan's altars bled.

- 13** Polluted was the land with blood,
And thus defiled were they
In all their works; and with their acts
They went the harlot's way.
Against the people kindled was
The anger of the LORD;
They so provoked His wrath that
He His heritage abhorred.
- 14** He gave them to the nations' pow'r,
Put haters in command;
Their foes oppressed them, and they were
Subdued beneath their hand.
He many times delivered them,
But rebels still were they
In all their plans; so down they went
In sin to pine away.
- 15** Yet their distress He looked upon
When He had heard their cry,
And He remembered for their sake
His covenant on high.
Then He relented in His grace
And for His mercies' sake;
He gave them pity from all those
Who did them captive take.
- 16** Save us, O LORD, our gracious God,
From heathen lands reclaim,
That we may glory in Thy praise
And thank Thy holy name.
Blessed be Jehovah, Isr'el's God,
To all eternity.
Let all the people say, "Amen."
Praise to the Lord give ye.