

HANDOUT

ST ANDREWS TUESDAY 28 NOV 2017

PSALM 107

Vs 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

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Lord's Day 1

Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹
but belong—

body and soul,
in life and in death—²

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵

He also watches over me in such a way⁶
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life⁹
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20

² Rom. 14:7-9

³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

⁸ Rom. 8:28

⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

Lord's Day 10

Q & A 27

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God¹

by which God upholds, as with his hand,

heaven

and earth

and all creatures,²

and so rules them that

leaf and blade,

rain and drought,

fruitful and lean years,

food and drink,

health and sickness,

prosperity and poverty—³

all things, in fact,

come to us

not by chance⁴

but by his fatherly hand.⁵

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28

² Heb. 1:3

³ Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17/a>; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2

⁴ Prov. 16:33

⁵ Matt. 10:29

Q & A 28

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,¹

thankful when things go well,²

and for the future we can have

good confidence in our faithful God and Father

that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.³

For all creatures are so completely in God's hand

that without his will

they can neither move nor be moved.⁴

¹ Job 1:21-22; James 1:3

² Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18

³ Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39

⁴ Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

specifically lovingkindness

1.a. *in redemption from enemies and troubles* Genesis 19:19; Genesis 39:21 (J), Exodus 15:13 (song), Jeremiah 31:3; Ezra 7:28; Ezra 9:9; Psalms 21:8; Psalms 31:17; Psalms 31:22; Psalms 32:10; Psalms 33:22; Psalms 36:8; Psalms 36:11; Psalms 42:9; Psalms 44:27; Psalms 48:10; Psalms 59:17; Psalms 66:20; Psalms 85:8; Psalms 90:14; Psalms 94:18; Psalms 107:8; Psalms 107:15; Psalms 107:21; Psalms 107:31; Psalms 143:8; Psalms 143:12; Job 37:13; Ruth 1:8; Ruth 2:20; men should trust in it Psalms 13:6; Psalms 52:10; rejoice in it Psalms 31:8; hope in it Psalms 33:18; Psalms 147:11.

b. *in preservation of life from death* Psalms 6:5; Psalms 86:13; Job 10:12.

c. *in quickening of spiritual life* Psalms 109:26; Psalms 119:41; Psalms 119:76; Psalms 119:88; Psalms 119:124; Psalms 119:149; Psalms 119:159.

d. *in redemption from sin* Psalms 25:7; Psalms 51:3.

e. *in keeping the covenants*, with Abraham Micah 7:20; with Moses and Israel שמר הברית (ה)הקסד Deuteronomy 7:9,12; 1 Kings 8:23 2Chronicles 6:14; Nehemiah 1:5; Nehemiah 9:32; Daniel 9:4; with David and his dynasty 2 Samuel 7:15 = 1 Chronicles 17:13; 2 Samuel 22:51 = Psalms 18:51, 1 Kings 3:6 (twice in verse) = 2Chronicles 1:8; Psalms 89:29; Psalms 89:34; with the wife Zion Isaiah 54:10.

2 חסד is grouped with other divine attributes: *kindness (lovingkindness) and fidelity* Genesis 24:27 (J), Psalms 25:10; Psalms 41:11; Psalms 40:12; Psalms 57:4; Psalms 61:8; Psalms 85:11; Psalms 89:15; Psalms 115:1; Psalms 138:2; 2 Samuel 2:6; 2 Samuel 15:20 (מ5, see Dr); with אמת Genesis 24:49; Exodus 34:6 (JE), Psalms 86:15; also אמת "" Micah 7:20; Psalms 26:3; Psalms 117:2; "" אמונה Psalms 88:12; Psalms 89:3; Psalms 92:3; Psalms 89:25; Psalms 98:3; "" רחמים Psalms 77:9; Jeremiah 16:5; Hosea 2:21; Psalms 103:4; Jeremiah 9:23; Psalms 101:1; "" צדקה Psalms 36:11; Psalms 23:6.

3 *the kindness of God is*

a. *abundant*: רב־חֶסֶד *abundant, plenteous in kindness (goodness)* Numbers 14:18 (J), Nehemiah 9:17 (Qr), Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Psalms 86:5; Psalms 103:8 (compare Exodus 34:6 J E; Psalms 86:15); רב־חֶסֶד Nehemiah 13:22; Psalms 5:8; Psalms 69:14; Psalms 106:7 (מ5 י9 Aq Targan, to be preferred to מ0 רב־חֶסֶד) Lamentations 3:32; Psalms 106:45 (Kt מ5 in both to be preferred).

b. *great in extent*: יְנֻדָּלָהּ *greatness of thy mercy* Numbers 14:19 (J); יְנֻדָּלָהּ Psalms 145:8; it is kept for thousands Exodus 34:7 (JE), Jeremiah 32:18, especially of those connected with lovers of י, Exodus 20:6 = Deuteronomy 5:10; for 1000 Generations Deuteronomy 7:9; it is great as the heavens Psalms 57:11; Psalms 103:11, compare Psalms 36:6; Psalms 108:5; the earth is full of it Psalms 33:5; Psalms 119:64.

c. *everlasting*: לעולם חסדו Jeremiah 33:11; 1 Chronicles 16:34,41; 2Chronicles 5:13; 7:3,6; 20:21; Ezra 3:11; Psalms 100:5; Psalms 106:1; Psalms 107:1; Psalms 118:1; Psalms 118:2; Psalms 118:3; Psalms 118:4; Psalms 118:29; Psalms 136:1 (26 t.); חסדו לעולם Psalms 138:8; מעולם יח ועד עולם Psalms 103:17; Isaiah 54:8; אל כל יח היום Psalms 52:3.