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Managing Threatening Emotions How to Handle Disappointment

Lesson 8 - PART 2

What Should I do When My Dream Dies?

We must learn how to handle the pain of what might have been without deep regret or remorse.

The Lesson - Psalm 107:24-43

How can I find peace when my dream has been shattered? This psalm offers hope to those who are disappointed with life.

Psalm 107:24 -30 -Speaks of God's provisional power to the seaworthy.

- a. His Power over the Sea
- b. Peril of the water (v 25-26)
- c. How fear and anxiety cause irrational thinking/but should lead to repentance (v 27-28)
- d. God manages the storm at sea and within (v 29-30) seaworthy men were appreciative of His grace

.... When we experience the blessings from the LORD, we should

• PRAISE HIM FOR HIS MARVELOUS ACTS.

v 31. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love.

Let's examine the caption of the word "LORD" and how this word is always written in caps.

LORD: There are various Hebrew and Greek words so rendered.

Heb. 'adon, means one possessed of absolute control. It denotes a master, as of slaves (Genesis 24:14 Genesis 24:27), or a ruler of his subjects (45:8), or a husband, as lord of his wife (18:1).

The old plural form of this Hebrew word is 'Adonai. From a superstitious reverence for the name "Jehovah," the Jews, in reading their Scriptures, whenever that name occurred, it was always pronounced as "Adonai".

Greek kurios, a supreme master, etc. This is invariably used for "Jehovah" and "'Adonai

• EXAULT HIM PUBLICLY/AND WORSHIP HIM AMOUNG OUR PEERS

v. 32. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

When God is disappointed, it is always due to <u>SIN</u> prevailing sin in a Nation or person.

From Psalm 107:33-34, God expressed His disappointment in the following manner...

v.33-35. He turned rivers into a desert, flowing streams into thirsty ground. 34. and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there. 35 He turned the desert into pools of water.

God is **REACTIONARY** to two things in particular. **SIN** and **REPENTENCE**. He will respond to each according to His sovereign will.

v.36-38. There he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. 37. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest. 38. He blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

These scriptures above portray God's approval of righteous living and the blessings He will pronounce upon those who walk uprightly.

Note: The Scriptures vacillate from BLESSINGS to PUNISHMENT. Why?
Read Psalm 107:39-40 What do these Scriptures express in reference to God and His performance for Israel?
Read Psalm 107:41-42 From these Scriptures above, what category of people experienced Gods blessings?
Read Psalm 107:43 Here, the psalmist gave a powerful conclusion by stating "Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.
Three Lessons From God's Providential Dealings:
1. THEY CAUSE THE RIGHTEOUS TO REJOICE (v 42) 2. THEY CAUSE INIQUITY TO STOP 3. THEY INABLE THE WISE TO OBSERVE AND UNDERSTAND THE LOVINKINDNESS OF GOD (v 43)
Discussion:
 What attitude should we take when God doesn't perform as we expect Him to? Should we bargain with God over the things He wishes to do for us?