

WONDERS ON DISPLAY

THE LESSON: PSALM 107

The Nicene Creed begins with this declaration:

*“I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible”* BCP, P. 71.

The worldview of believers is shaped by this foundational truth: that God is the Creator, and that we are his creatures. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, present everywhere, eternal, unchanging: *and we are not*. Ever since the first sin, human beings have confused creature and Creator. They’ve tried to place themselves in the role of God, making up their own definitions of good and evil, and rejecting his divine authority.

Scripture is filled with the stories of men and women who caught a glimpse of the power and majesty of God. Perhaps you remember the story of how the Lord spoke to Job out of the whirlwind. Or maybe you remember Isaiah’s vision of the divine throne-room. Or you may have heard about Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus. These experiences of encountering the majesty of God resulted in life-changing humility and awe. If we had begun to think that *we* were in control, encountering God reminds us that *He* is the one in control. And that is actually very, very good news.

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The Psalms are filled with inexhaustible worship, calling our attention both to who God is and to who we are. We are like grass that fades, but God is eternal. We are weak, but he is mighty. He is righteous and just and holy. He is gracious and merciful. He is King over all! With that in mind, let’s take a look at today’s passage, an excerpt from Psalm 107.

AT-HOME CHALLENGE

Each morning and evening, follow your own rule of prayer.

(IF YOU DON’T HAVE ONE, TRY SAYING THE MORNING AND EVENING PRAYERS FROM THE “FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED IN FAMILIES”, WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 728 OF THE BCP. IF YOU DON’T HAVE A COPY, YOU CAN LOOK IT UP HERE: [HTTP://PRAYERBOOK.CA/RESOURCES/BCPONLINE/FAMILY-PRAYER.](http://prayerbook.ca/resources/bcponline/family-prayer))

Take some time this week to reflect on God’s power and his mercy. Do you know anyone who is away travelling or about to be away travelling? Take a moment to say this prayer for them:

O God our heavenly Father, who art present in thy power in every place: Preserve, we beseech thee, all who travel by land, water, or air [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; surround them with thy loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey’s end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL, FROM PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS, BCP P. 54, AND AT SEA, BCP P. 633)

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PSALM 107: **COMMANDER + DELIVERER**

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;

²⁴they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;

²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁹He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.