**"HE MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE IS NO WAY"-(Psalm 107:1-8)**

***Isaiah 43:19   Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

  1 Corinthians 10:13   There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

**The two verses I just read to you were written 800 years apart. Isaiah's text tells of the coming kingdom of Christ on earth...Paul's letter to the Corinthian believers speaks of how the Lord rescues us from the secret battle within ourselves to sin. But nestled within each verse is a phrase that transcends time...."MAKE A WAY"!  *In order to "MAKE A WAY" there must not be an existing "WAY" (or path). Time would hinder me to discuss all of the historic biblical examples such as the RED SEA CROSSING, DAVID & GOLIATH, GIDEON & 300 men against 120,000 MIDIANITES, DANIEL IN A DEN OF LIONS OVERNIGHT!!!! The truth illustrated to us time and time again throughout 6,500 years of documented human history in the bible, is that God can MAKE A WAY WHERE THERE IS NO WAY!!!* \*Four categories of people are listed in the first section of this Psalm...each had a Problem, a prayer, a Provision, and a Praise to offer God......**

**\*He makes a way for those who are:**

**(1)-LOST IN THE DESERTS*-(Hebrews of Egypt)***

A. **Their Problem** - Psalm 107: 4-5 (No road, no company, no rest, no supplies and no hope. These people are in a desperate condition.) (***Wanderers*** – The word means “***to stagger***.” They were alone, weak and nearly gone.) (We were all there when we were lost, some of God’s children are there today!)

B. **Their Prayer** - v. 6 They called on the name of the Lord; the only place where help can be found! Prayer is our opportunity to speak into the ear of God and see Him MAKE A WAY!-(**Jer. 33:3)**

C. **Their Provision** v. 6-7 - (Deliverance, Leadership, a new city!) (He put us on a new road that leads to a new destination, **Psa. 40:1-3**. Remember, we aren’t home yet! There will be some hard places along the way, but we are headed to a city, **Rev. 21:4**!)

D. **Their Praise** – v. 8-9 The saints are challenged to praise the Lord for His worthiness, His goodness, His perfect satisfaction. The saints of God should praise the Lord because we were wandering, alone and nearly dead in a desert place until he MADE A WAY where there was no way!-(John 14:6-"I am the WAY")

**(2)-LOCKED IN THE DUNGEON -(v. 10-16) *(Daniel, Three Hebrews, Peter!)***

A. **Their Problem** v. 10-12 - (Locked in darkness, imminent death, bound and afflicted, helpless and alone. All of this was brought on by their own sins, **v. 11**.) (Prisoners!) (People are trapped in a prison today! Prisons of fear, worry, loneliness, secret sins, jealousy, unforgiveness, the past, hurts, heartaches, hatred, etc are just as real as being at Alexander Correctional Facility!)

B. **Their Prayer** -v. 13 - They did the right thing and called on the name of the Lord! PRAYER is the christian's resource. We can take our burden to the Lord!

C. **Their Provision-** v. 13-14 - Delivered from bondage, death and darkness. Set free from their dungeon by the power of God! He is able to deliver you from whatever it is that may have you bound! Jesus promised this is his very first sermon in Nazareth!!!...***Luke 4:18   The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised***,

D. **Their Praise** -v. 15-16 - They praise His worthy Name for breaking their bonds and releasing them from their bondage! People can't get into a worship service right because they are bound by the cares and worries of this world! We should praise the Lord because we were trapped in a terrible dungeon, chained in our sins and awaiting or execution. The Lord came to where we were and loosed out bonds, delivered us from our prison and set us free!

**(3)-LYING ON THE DEATHBED--v. 17-22 *(Widows son, Lazrus, Jarius girl!)***

**A. Their Problem v. 17-18** - Because they have disregarded the Word of God, they are afflicted and near death. These are people who at the bottom of the heap. This speaks of SOUL SICKNESS! (gain whole world and lose your soul?)

**B. Their Prayer v. 19** - They seek the face of the Lord for deliverance from their situation! (The prayer that needs to be prayed is the one mentioned in **1 John 1:9**. It is the prayer of confession and repentance!)

**C. Their Provision v. 19-20** - The Lord heard their prayer and sent the very thing they had hated to heal them! He delivered them from their affliction through the power of His Word! People today can be helped by the very thing they hate the most...God, His word, and His people!!!

**D. Their Praise v. 21-22** - These restored people offer up the sacrifice of praise to the glory of the Lord. They are, paying a debt they owe to the Great Physician, “***By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.***”, **Heb. 13:15**. In 1976, He came to where I was and administered the right prescription to heal me! ***He is our Physician!***

**(4)-LABORING IN THE DEEP- V. 23-32**

A. **Their Problem** v. 22-27 ***- They are tossed about suffering highs and lows***. This is a word for those sailors navigating the stormy seas of life. You have heard the term "being at the mercy of the sea"? Before Jesus found us, we were! Now that He has saved us, we still find that we are buffeted by the stormy seas, but we don't have to live at their mercy!

B. **Their Prayer** v. 28 - These too found their help and deliverance in the Person of the Lord!

C. **Their Provision** v. 28-30 - He delivered them. He calmed their seas. Just as Jesus spoke to the waves and calmed them then, He can do the same today! He has not changed! ***(Heb.13:8-"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.")***

D. **Their Praise** v. 31-32 - These folks are to praise the Lord in the assembly. They are not to hide in a corner and praise the name of the Lord, but they are to honor Him publically for His great display of power in their lives!

***\*Conc: Wherever this message finds you today, I want you to know that God is still on His throne! He has not changed! His power has not waned....and He still "MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE IS NO WAY"!***