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To Those who would Humble Themselves

In this week's study from Tehillim / Psalms 105:1-45, the Psalm opens saying, 106:1 Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. 106:2 Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord, Or can show forth all His praise? (NASB) The psalmist goes on to speak of those who love and praise the Lord, saying, 106:3 How blessed are those who keep justice, Who practice righteousness at all times! 106:4 Remember me, O Lord, in Your favor toward Your people; Visit me with Your salvation, 106:5 That I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. (NASB) These people recognize their short comings and sinfulness saying, 106:6 We have sinned like our fathers, We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. 106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known. (NASB) Note the significance of these Scripture, the Lord saving His people for His name's sake! The people sinned greatly, 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb And worshiped a molten image. 106:20 Thus they exchanged their glory For the image of an ox that eats grass. (NASB) and yet the Lord forgave their sin. The psalmist states, 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them. 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were subdued under their power. 106:43 Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity. 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! (NASB)

א הַלְלוּיָה | הוֹדוּ לֵיהֹוָה פִּי-טוֹב כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ: ב מִי יְמֵלֵל גְּּר בוּרוֹת יְהֹוָה יַשְׁמִיעַ כָּל-תְּהַלֶּתוֹ: ג אַשְׁרֵי שׁמְרֵי מִשְׁפָּט עֹשֵׁה צְּדָקָה בְּכֶל-עֵת: ד זָכְרֵנִי יְהֹוָה בִּרְצוֹן עַמֶּךְ פָּקְדֵנִי בִּישׁוּעֶתֶךְ: ה לְרְאוֹת בְּטוֹבַת בְּחִירֶיךְ לִשְׁמֹחַ בְּשִׁמְחַת גוֹיֵךְ לְהַתְהַלֵּל עִם-נַחַלַתֶּךְ:

א הללויה שבחו אלהא אודו קדם
יהוה ארום טב ארום לעלם טוביה:
ב מן ייכול למללא גבורתא דיהוה
ירשי לאשמעא לכולהון תושבחד
תיה: ג טובהון דנטרי דינא עבדי
צדקתא בכל עידן: ד דכר יתי
יהוה ברעוא טבא עם עמך אדכר
לי בפורקנך: ה למיחמי בטובת
בחירייך למיחדי בחדות עמך לא־

106:1 αλληλουια ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ κυρίῳ ὅτι χρηστός ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ 106:2 τίς λαλήσει τὰς δυναστείας τοῦ κυρίου ἀκουστὰς ποιήσει πάσας τὰς αἰνέσεις αὐτοῦ 106:3 μακάριοι οἱ φυλάσσοντες κρίσιν καὶ ποιοῦντες δικαιοσύνην ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ 106:4 μνήσθητι ἡμῶν κύριε ἐν τῷ εὐδοκίᾳ τοῦ λαοῦ σου ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῷ σωτηρίῳ σου 106:5 τοῦ ἰδεῖν ἐν τῆ χρηστότητι τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν σου τοῦ εὐφρανθῆναι ἐν τῆ εὐφροσύνῃ τοῦ ἔθνους σου τοῦ ἐπαινεῖσθαι μετὰ τῆς κληρονομίας σου

ו קטאנו עם-אַבוֹתֵינוּ הַעַוִינוּ הַרְ־ -שַׁעָנוּ: ז אַבוֹתִינוּ בָמצָרֵים | לא -הָשָׂכִּילוּ נָפָלְאוֹתֵיךָ לֹא זַכָרוּ אֵת רב חַסַדִידְ וַיַּמָרוּ עַל-יַם כִּיַם-סוּף: ויושיעם למען שמו להודיע וַיָּגער בִים-סוּף אֶת-גָבוּרַתוֹ: ט וַיֵּחַרָב וַיּוֹלִיכֶם בַּתִּהֹמוֹת כַּמִּדְבַּר: וַיּוֹשִׁיעַם מִיַּד שוֹנָא וַיָּגְאַלֶם מַיַּד אוֹיֵב: יא וַיִּכַסוּ-מַיִם צַרֵיהֶם אַחַד מֵהֶם לֹא נוֹתָר: יב וַיַּאֲמִינוּ בְּדְבָרָיו יָשִׁירוּ תְּהִלָּתוֹ: יג מִהַרוּ שַׁכָחוּ מַצַשַּׁיו לֹא-חָכּוּ לַצַצַתוֹ: יד וַיִּתְאַוּוּ תַאֲוָה בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיְנַסוּ-אֵל בִּישִׁימוֹן: טוֹ וַיָּתֵּן לַהֶּם שָׁאֱלַתַם וַיִשַׁלַּח רַזוֹן בִּנַפִּשָׁם: טז וַיִקַנְאוּ לָמשֶׁה בַּמַּחָנֶה לְאַהַרֹן קְדוֹשׁ יִהֹוָה: יז תִּפִתַּח-אָרֵץ וַתִּבְלֵע דַּתַן וַתִּכַס עַל-עֲדַת אֲבִירָם: יח וַתִּבְעַר-אֵשׁ בַּצַדַתַם לֶהָבָה תִּלָהֵט רְשַׁעִים: יט ַנַעַשוּ-עַגַל בָּחֹרֵב וַיִּשְׁתַּחַווּ לְמַפֶּ־ וַיַּמִירוּ אֱת-כִּבוֹדַם כִּתַבִּ־ כה: כ נית שור אכל עשב: כא שַׁכְחוּ אל מושיעם עשה גדלות בְּמִצְרֵים: כב ַנְפָלַאוֹת בָּאֶרֶץ חֲם נוֹרַאוֹת עַל-יַם-ויאמר להשמידם לוּלי סוף: כג משה בחירו עמד בַּפַּרֵץ לְפַנֵּיו לְהַ־ שִׁיב חֲמָתוֹ מֶהַשִּׁחִית: כד וַיִּמְאַסוּ בָּאֶרֶץ חֶמְדָּה לֹא-הָאֱמִינוּ לִדְבָרוֹ: וַיַּרַגְנוּ בְאָהֶלֵיהֶם לֹא שַׁמְעוּ וַיִּשָּׂא יָדוֹ לָהֵם בַּקוֹל יִהֹוָה: כו לְהַפִּיל אוֹתָם בַּמִּדְבָּר: כז וּלְהַפִּיל זַרְעָם בַּגוֹיִם וּלְזָרוֹתָם בָּאֲרָצוֹת: כח וַיָּצַמָדוּ לְבַעַל פָעוֹר וַיֹּאכָלוּ זְבָחֵי וַיַּכִעִיסוּ בִּמַעַלְלֵיהֵם מֶתִים: כט וַתִּפָרֵץ-בָּם מַגֵּפָה:

ו חבנא עם אבהתנא עותנא ארשעד נא: ז אבהתנא במצרים לא אשכילו פרישותך לא דכרו ית סוגעי טובך וס־ ריבו על מימרך על ימא בימא דסוף: ח ופרקינון בגלל שמיה לאודעא ית גבורתיה: ט ונזף בימא דסוף ואתנגיב והליכינון בתהומיא היך כבמדברא: ופרקינון מיד סנאה ופרק יתהון מן יד בעלי דבבא: יא וחפון מיא מעיקיהון חד מנהון לא אשתאר: יב והימינו בשום מימריה שבחו תושבחתיה: יג סרהיבו אתנשיאו עובדוי לא אסתב־ רו איסתחרון למלכתיה: יד ושיילו שאלתא ורגיגו ריגגא ונסיאו אלהא באתר צדו צהי: טו ויהב להון שי־ לותהון ושדר פתרנותא בנפשהון: טז וטננו למשה במשריתא לאהרן קדישא דיהוה: יז אתפתחת ארעא ובלעת דתן וחפת על סיעת אבירם: יח וד־ לקת אישתא בסיעתהון להבותא תש־ להיב רשיעיא: יט עבדו עגלא בחורב וסגידו למתכא: כ ופרגון ית איקר ריבוניהון בדמות תור דאכיל עסבא ומזדהם: כא אתנשיאו אלהא פרקהון דעבד רברבן במצרים: כב פרישן בארעא דחם דחילן על ימא דסוף: כג ואמר במימריה לשיציותהון אילמלי משה בחיריה דקם ואתקף בצלו קדמוי לאתבא חמתיה מלחבלא: כד ואתר־ חיקת נפשהון בארעא ריגגא רגיגה לא המינו בפתגמיה: כה ואתרעמו במש־ כנהון לא קבילו במימרא דיהוה: כו וארים ידיה בשבועה מטולהון למרמי יתהון קטילין במדברא: כז ולאגלאה זרעהון בעמיא בעממיא ולבדרותהון בארעתא: כח ואדביקו בטעות פעור ואכלו נכסי נכסת מיתיא: כט וארגיזו קדמוי בעובדיהון ותקפת בהון מותנא:

106:6 ήμάρτομεν μετὰ τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν ηνομήσαμεν ηδικήσαμεν 106:7 οἱ πατέρες ήμῶν ἐν Αἰγύπτω οὐ συνῆκαν τὰ θαυμάσιά σου οὐκ ἐμνήσθησαν τοῦ πλήθους τοῦ ἐλέους σου καὶ παρεπίκραναν ἀναβαίνοντες ἐν τῆ έρυθρῷ θαλάσση 106:8 καὶ ἔσωσεν αὐτούς **ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ τοῦ γνωρίσαι τὴν** δυναστείαν αὐτοῦ 106:9 καὶ ἐπετίμησεν τῆ έρυθρα θαλάσση καὶ έξηράνθη καὶ ώδήγησεν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἀβύσσφ ὡς ἐν ἐρήμφ 106:10 καὶ ἔσωσεν αὐτοὺς ἐκ χειρὸς μισούντων καὶ έλυτρώσατο αὐτούς ἐκ χειρὸς ἐχθροῦ 106:11 καὶ ἐκάλυψεν ὕδωρ τοὺς θλίβοντας αὐτούς είς έξ αὐτῶν οὐχ ὑπελείφθη 106:12 καὶ έπίστευσαν έν τοῖς λόγοις αὐτοῦ καὶ ἦσαν τὴν αἴνεσιν αὐτοῦ 106:13 ἐτάχυναν ἐπελάθοντο τῶν ἔργων αὐτοῦ οὐχ ὑπέμειναν τὴν βουλὴν αὐτοῦ 106:14 καὶ ἐπεθύμησαν ἐπιθυμίαν ἐν τῆ ἐρήμω καὶ ἐπείρασαν τὸν θεὸν ἐν ἀνύδρω 106:15 καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς τὸ αἴτημα αὐτῶν καὶ έξαπέστειλεν πλησμονήν εἰς τὰς ψυχὰς αὐτῶν 106:16 καὶ παρώργισαν Μωυσῆν ἐν τῆ παρεμβολῆ καὶ Ααρων τὸν ἄγιον κυρίου 106:17 ηνοίχθη ή γῆ καὶ κατέπιεν Δαθαν καὶ έκάλυψεν έπὶ τὴν συναγωγὴν Αβιρων 106:18 καὶ ἐξεκαύθη πῦρ ἐν τῇ συναγωγῷ αὐτῶν φλὸξ κατέφλεξεν άμαρτωλούς 106:19 καὶ ἐποίησαν μόσχον ἐν Χωρηβ καὶ προσεκύνησαν τῷ γλυπτῷ 106:20 καὶ ἠλλάξαντο τὴν δόξαν αὐτῶν ἐν ὁμοιώματι μόσχου ἔσθοντος χόρτον 106:21 ἐπελάθοντο τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ σώζοντος αὐτούς τοῦ ποιήσαντος μεγάλα ἐν Αἰγύπτω 106:22 θαυμαστὰ ἐν γῆ Χαμ φοβερὰ ἐπὶ θαλάσσης ἐρυθρᾶς 106:23 καὶ εἶπεν τοῦ έξολεθρεῦσαι αὐτούς εἰ μὴ Μωυσῆς ὁ έκλεκτὸς αὐτοῦ ἔστη ἐν τῆ θραύσει ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀποστρέψαι τὴν ὀργὴν αὐτοῦ τοῦ μη έξολεθρεῦσαι 106:24 καὶ έξουδένωσαν γῆν έπιθυμητήν οὐκ ἐπίστευσαν τῷ λόγῳ αὐτοῦ 106:25 καὶ ἐγόγγυσαν ἐν τοῖς σκηνώμασιν αὐτῶν οὐκ εἰσήκουσαν τῆς φωνῆς κυρίου 106:26 καὶ ἐπῆρεν τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ αὐτοῖς τοῦ καταβαλεῖν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῆ ἐρήμῷ 106:27 καὶ τοῦ καταβαλεῖν τὸ σπέρμα αὐτῶν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν καὶ διασκορπίσαι αὐτοὺς ἐν ταῖς χώραις 106:28 καὶ ἐτελέσθησαν τῷ Βεελφεγωρ καὶ ἔφαγον θυσίας νεκρῶν 106:29 καὶ παρώξυναν αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἐπιτηδεύμασιν αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπληθύνθη ἐν αὐτοῖς ἡ πτῶσις

וַיַעַמֹד פִּינִחָס וַיִּפַלֵּל וַתֻּעַצַר הַמַגַּפָה: לא וַתַּחַשֵּׁב לוֹ לִצְדָקָה לְדֹר וַדֹר עַד-עוֹלָם: לב וַיַּקְצִי־ פוּ עַל-מֵי מִרִיבָה וַיַּרַע לִמֹשֶה בַּעֲבוּרַם: לג כִּי-הָמָרוּ אֵת-רוּחוֹ וַיִבַטֵּא בִּשִּׁפַתַיו: לד לא-הָשִׁמִידוּ צֶת-הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהֹוָה לָהֶם: לה וַיִּתְעָרְבוּ בַגּוֹיִם וַיִּלְמְדוּ מַעֵּר שֵׁיהֶם: לו וַיַּעַבִדוּ אֵת-עַצַבֵּיהֶם וַיּזְבַחוּ וַיָּהִיוּ לַהֶם לְמוֹקֵשׁ: לז אֶת-בְּנֵיהֶם וְאֶת-בְּנוֹתֵיהֶם לַשַּׁדִים: וַיִּשְׁפָּכוּ דַם נַקִי דַם-בָּנֵיהֶם וּבְנוֹתֵיהֶם אֲשֶׁר זָבָחוּ לַעֲצַבֵּי כִנַעַן וַמָּחֵנַף הָאַרץ בַּדָּמִים: לט וַיִּטִּ־ מָאוּ בָמַעַשֵּיהֶם וַיּזְנוּ בָמַעַלְלֵיהֶם: וַיָּתַעָב יִהֹוָה בָּעַמוֹ וַיִּתַעָב אֶת-נַחֶלַתוֹ: מא וַיִּתְנֵם בִּיַד-גוֹיִם וַיִּלְדֹּ בָהֶם שֹנְאֵיהֶם: מב וַיִּלְד הַצוּם אוֹיבֵיהֵם וַיִּכַּנִעוּ תַּחַת יָדָם: פַּעַמִים רַבּוֹת יַצִּילֵם וְהָמֵּה יַמִרוּ בַעַצַתָּם וַיַּמֹכּוּ בַּעַוֹנָם: מד ַוַיַּרָא בַּצַּר לַהֶם בִּשַׁמִעוֹ אֵת-רְנַּתָם: מה וַיִּזְכֹּר לָהֶם בְּרִיתוֹ וַיִּנֶּד חֶם כָּרֹב חַסָדָו [חַסַדָיו]: מו וַיְּמֵּן אוֹתַם לְרַחַמִּים לְפָנֵי כַּל-שׁוֹבֵיהֶם: מז הוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ | יִהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְקַבִּּד צנוּ מִן-הַגּוֹיִם לְהֹדוֹת לְשֵׁם קַּדְשֶׁךְ לָהִשְׁתַּבֵּחַ בִּתְהָלָתֶך: מח בַּרוּך-יָהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשִׂרָאֵל מִן-הַעוֹלַם | וְעַד הַעוֹלָם וְאַמֵּר כַּל-הַעַם אַמֵן הַלְלוּיַה:

ל וקם פינחס וצלי ואתכליית מות־ נא: לא ואתחשבת ליה לזכו לדר ודר עד עלמא: לב וארגיזו על מי מצותא ובאיש למשה בגללהון: לג ארום סריבו על רוח קודשיה ופריש בסיפוותיה: לד לא שיציאו ית עמיא עממיא די אמר יהוה להון: לה ואת־ ערביבו בעמיא בעממיא ואליפו ית עובדיהון: לו ופלחו ית טעותהון והוו להון לתקלא: לז ודבחו ית בניהון וית בנתיהון למזיקיא: לח ושדו אדם זכאי דמי אדם בניהון ובנתהון די דבחו לטעות כנענאי ואיטנפת ארעא בחובין דקטול: לט וטמיאו וסאיבו בעובדיהון וטעו במעללהון: מ ות־ קיף רוגזא דיהוה בעמיה ורחיק מימ־ ריה ית אחסנתיה: מא ומסרינון ביד צמיא עממיא ושליטו בהון סנאיהון: מב ודחקינון בעלי דבביהון ואתכני־ עו אכבישו תחות ידהון: מג זמנין סגיעין יפצי אינון והינון יסרבון ליה במלכתהון ואתמכיאו בחוביהון: מד וחמא כד עיק להון כד שמע שמיע קדמוי ית צלותיהון: מה ודכיר להון קיימיה ותב מן רוגזיה כסוגעי חסדוי טבוותיה: מו ויהב יתהון לרחמין באנפי כל דשבו יתהון: מז פרוק יתנא יהוה אלהנא וכנוש יתן מביני עממיא לאודאה בשום קודשך לאש־ תבחא בתושבחתך: מה בריך שמא דיהוה אלהא דישראל מן עלמא הדין ועד עלמא דאתי ויימר כל עמא אמן

הללויה שבחו אלהא:

106:30 καὶ ἔστη Φινεες καὶ ἐξιλάσατο καὶ ἐκόπασεν ἡ θραῦσις 106:31 καὶ έλογίσθη αὐτῷ εἰς δικαιοσύνην εἰς γενεὰν καὶ γενεὰν ἕως τοῦ αἰῶνος 106:32 καὶ παρώργισαν αὐτὸν ἐφ' ὕδατος ἀντιλογίας καὶ ἐκακώθη Μωυσῆς δ αὐτούς 106:33 ότι παρεπίκραναν τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτοῦ καὶ διέστειλεν έν τοῖς γείλεσιν αὐτοῦ 106:34 οὐκ ἐξωλέθρευσαν τὰ ἔθνη ἃ εἶπεν κύριος αὐτοῖς 106:35 καὶ ἐμίγησαν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν καὶ ἔμαθον τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν 106:36 καὶ ἐδούλευσαν τοῖς γλυπτοῖς αὐτῶν καὶ ἐγενήθη αὐτοῖς εἰς σκάνδαλον 106:37 καὶ ἔθυσαν τοὺς υἱοὺς αὐτῶν καὶ τὰς θυγατέρας αὐτῶν τοῖς δαιμονίοις 106:38 καὶ ἐξέχεαν αἶμα ἀθῷον αἷμα υίῶν αὐτῶν καὶ θυγατέρων ὧν ἔθυσαν τοῖς γλυπτοῖς Χανααν καὶ ἐφονοκτονήθη ή γη έν τοῖς αἵμασιν 106:39 αὶ ἐμιάνθη έν τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπόρνευσαν ἐν τοῖς ἐπιτηδεύμασιν αὐτῶν 106:40 καὶ ἀργίσθη θυμῷ κύριος ἐπὶ τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐβδελύξατο τὴν κληρονομίαν αὐτοῦ 106:41 καὶ παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς εἰς χεῖρας έθνῶν καὶ ἐκυρίευσαν αὐτῶν οἱ μισοῦντες αὐτούς 106:42 καὶ ἔθλιψαν αὐτούς οἱ έχθροὶ αὐτῶν καὶ ἐταπεινώθησαν ὑπὸ τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν 106:43 πλεονάκις ἐρρύσατο αὐτούς αὐτοὶ δὲ παρεπίκραναν αὐτὸν ἐν τῆ βουλή αὐτῶν καὶ ἐταπεινώθησαν ἐν ταῖς άνομίαις αὐτῶν 106:44 καὶ εἶδεν ἐν τῷ θλίβεσθαι αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ αὐτὸν εἰσακοῦσαι τῆς δεήσεως αὐτῶν 106:45 καὶ ἐμνήσθη τῆς διαθήκης αὐτοῦ καὶ μετεμελήθη κατὰ τὸ πληθος τοῦ ἐλέους αὐτοῦ 106:46 καὶ έδωκεν αὐτούς είς οἰκτιρμούς ἐναντίον πάντων τῶν αἰχμαλωτισάντων αὐτούς 106:47 σῶσον ἡμᾶς κύριε ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν καὶ ἐπισυνάγαγε ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῶν ἐθνῶν τοῦ έξομολογήσασθαι τῷ ὀνόματι τῷ ἀγίφ σου τοῦ ἐγκαυχᾶσθαι ἐν τῆ αἰνέσει σου 106:48 εὐλογητὸς κύριος ὁ θεὸς Ισραηλ άπὸ τοῦ αίῶνος καὶ ἕως τοῦ αίῶνος καὶ ἐρεῖ πᾶς ὁ λαός γένοιτο γένοιτο

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106:1 Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. 106:2 Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord, Or can show forth all His praise? 106:3 How blessed are those who keep justice, Who practice righteousness at all times! 106:4 Remember me, O Lord, in Your favor toward Your people; Visit me with Your salvation, 106:5 That I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. 106:6 We have sinned like our fathers, We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses. But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. 106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known. 106:9 Thus He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up. And He led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness. 106:10 So He saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 106:11 The waters covered their adversaries; Not one of them was left. 106:12 Then they believed His words; They sang His praise. 106:13 They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 106:14 But craved intensely in the wilderness, And tempted God in the desert. 106:15 So He gave them their request, But sent a wasting disease among them. 106:16 When they became envious of Moses in the camp, And of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord, 106:17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, And engulfed the company of Abiram. 106:18 And a fire blazed up in their company; The flame consumed the wicked. 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb And worshiped a molten image. 106:20 Thus they exchanged their glory For the image of an ox that eats grass. (NASB)

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106:1 Hallelujah! Give thanks in the presence of the Lord, for he is good, for his goodness is forever. 106:2 Who is able to utter the might of the Lord? [Who] is allowed to proclaim all his praises? 106:3 Happy are they who observe judgment, those who do righteousness at every time. 106:4 Remember me, O Lord, with good will toward your people; call me to mind with your redemption. 106:5 To look on the plenty of your chosen ones; to rejoice in the joy of your people; to join in praise with your inheritance. 106:6 We have sinned, along with our fathers; we have committed iniquity, acted wickedly. 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt paid no heed to your wonders; they did not call to mind your great goodness; and they rebelled against your word by the sea, at the sea of Reeds. 106:8 And he redeemed them for his name's sake, to make known his might. 106:9 And he rebuked the sea of Reeds, and it dried up; and he conducted them through the deeps, as in the wilderness. 106:10 And he redeemed them from the power of the foe; and he redeemed them from the power of the enemies. 106:11 And the waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left. 106:12 And they believed in the name of his word; they sang his praise. 106:13 They quickly forgot his deeds; they did not wait for his counsel. 106:14 And they made a request and tested God in the place of desolation. 106:15 And he gave them their request, and sent leanness into their souls. 106:16 And they were jealous of Moses in the camp, of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord. 106:17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 106:18 And fire burned in their company; flame will kindle the wicked. 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb, and bowed down to something of metal. 106:20 And they exchanged the glory of their master for the likeness of a bull that eats grass and befouls itself. (EMC)

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106:1 Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever. 106:2 Who shall tell the mighty acts of the Lord? who shall cause all his praises to be heard? 106:3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and do righteousness at all times. 106:4 Remember us, O Lord, with the favour thou hast to thy people: visit us with thy salvation; 106:5 that we may behold the good of thine elect, that we may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that we may glory with thine inheritance. 106:6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have transgressed, we have done unrighteously. 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not thy wonders, and remembered not the multitude of thy mercy; but provoked him as they went up by the Red Sea. 106:8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might cause his mighty power to be known. 106:9 And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up: so he led them through the deep as through the wilderness. 106:10 And he saved them out of the hand of them that hated them, and redeemed them out of the hand of the enemy. 106:11 The water covered those that oppressed them: there was not one of them left. 106:12 Then they believed his words, and celebrated his praise. 106:13 They made haste, they forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel. 106:14 And they lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the dry land. 106:15 And he gave them their request, and sent fullness into their souls. 106:16 They provoked Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord. 106:17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and closed upon the congregation of Abiron. 106:18 And a fire was kindled in their congregation, and a flame burnt up the sinners. 106:19 And they made a calf in Choreb, and worshiped the graven image, 106:20 and they changed their glory into the similitude of a calf that feeds on grass. (LXX)

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106:21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt, 106:22 Wonders in the land of Ham And awesome things by the Red Sea. 106:23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, To turn away His wrath from destroying them. 106:24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe in His word, 106:25 But grumbled in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of the Lord. 106:26 Therefore He swore to them That He would cast them down in the wilderness, 106:27 And that He would cast their seed among the nations And scatter them in the lands. 106:28 They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, And ate sacrifices offered to the dead. 106:29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them. 106:30 Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, And so the plague was stayed. 106:31 And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, To all generations forever. 106:32 They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah, So that it went hard with Moses on their account; 106:33 Because they were rebellious against His Spirit, He spoke rashly with his lips. 106:34 They did not destroy the peoples, As the Lord commanded them, 106:35 But they mingled with the nations And learned their practices, 106:36 And served their idols. Which became a snare to them. 106:37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, 106:38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood. 106:39 Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds. 106:40 Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against His people And He abhorred His inheritance. (NASB)

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106:21 They forgot God their redeemer who had done mighty works in Egypt. 106:22 Wonders in the land of Ham, awesome things by the sea of Reeds. 106:23 And he commanded by his word to destroy them, had it not been for Moses his chosen one, who stood and grew mighty in prayer in his presence to turn aside his wrath from obliteration. 106:24 And their soul was repelled by the desirable land; they did not believe his word. 106:25 And they complained in their tents; they did not accept the word of the Lord. 106:26 And he lifted his hand in an oath because of them, to throw them down slain in the wilderness. 106:27 And to exile their seed among the peoples, and to scatter them among the lands. 106:28 And they attached themselves to the idol of Peor, and they ate the sacrifices of the dead. 106:29 And they caused anger in his presence by their deeds, and plague attacked them. 106:30 And Phinehas rose and prayed, and the plague was restrained. 106:31 And it was accounted to him for merit for all generations forever. 106:32 And they caused anger by the waters of Dispute, and it grieved Moses because of them. 106:33. For they rebelled against his holy spirit, and he had explained [it] clearly with his lips. 106:34 They did not destroy the peoples, which the Lord had commanded them [to do]. 106:35 And they mingled with the Gentiles and they learned their deeds. 106:36 And they worshiped their idol, and they became a stumbling-block for them. 106:37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons. 106:38 And they shed innocent blood the blood of their sons and daughters that they sacrificed to the idols of the Canaanites - and the land was defiled by capital crimes. 106:39 And brought uncleanness by their deeds and went astray by their acts. 106:40 And the anger of the Lord was harsh against his people and he despised his inheritance.(EMC)

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106:21 They forgot God that saved them, who had wrought great deeds in Egypt; 106:22 wondrous works in the land of Cham, and terrible things at the Red Sea. 106:23 So he said that he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn him away from the fierceness of his anger, so that he should not destroy them. 106:24 Moreover they set at nought the desirable land, and believed not his word. 106:25 And they murmured in their tents: they hearkened not to the voice of the Lord. 106:26 So he lifted up his hand against them, to cast them down in the wilderness; 106:27 and to cast down their seed among the nations, and to scatter them in the countries. 106:28 They were joined also to Beelphegor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. And they provoked him with their devices; 106:29 and destruction, was multiplied among them. 106:30 Then Phinees stood up, and made atonement: and the plague ceased. 106:31 And it was counted to him for righteousness, to all generations for ever. 106:32 They provoked him also at the water of Strife, and Moses was hurt for their sakes; 106:33 for they provoked his spirit, and he spoke unadvisedly with his lips. 106:34 They destroyed not the nations which the Lord told them to destroy; 106:35 but were mingled with the heathen, and learned their works. 106:36 And they served their graven images; and it became an offence to them. 106:37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils, 106:38 and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Chanaan; and the land was defiled with blood. 106:39 and was polluted with their works; and they went a whoring with their own devices. 106:40 So the Lord was very angry with his people, and he abhorred his inheritance. (LXX)

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106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them. 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were subdued under their power. 106:43 Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity. 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them. 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were subdued under their power. 106:43 Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity. 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! (NASB)

Toviyah / Psalms 106

106:41 And he handed them over into the power of the Gentiles, and their foes ruled over them. 106:42 And their enemies oppressed them, and they were subdued under their hand. 106:43 Many times he would deliver them, but they would rebel against him in their counsel, and they were brought low in their sins. 106:44 And he saw when it went ill with them, when he heard their prayer. 106:45 And he remembered his covenant in their favor, and he turned aside from his anger according to his abundant mercies. 106:46 And he made them find mercy in the sight of all who had taken them captive. 106:47 Redeem us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks in your holy name, to boast in your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the name of the Lord God of Israel, from this age to the age to come, and let all the people say, Amen, Hallelujah. (EMS)

Psalmoi / Psalms 106

105:24 And he increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies. 105:25 And he turned their heart to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants. 105:26 He sent fort Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. 105:27 He established among them his signs, and his wonders in the land of Cham. 105:28 He sent forth darkness, and made it dark; yet they rebelled against his words. 105:29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish. 105:30 Their land produced frogs abundantly, in the chambers of their kings. 105:31 He spoke, and the dog-fly came, and lice in all their coasts. 105:32 He turned their rain into hail, and sent flaming fire in their land. 105:33 And he smote their vines and their fig trees; and broke every tree of their coast. 105:34 He spoke, and the locust came, and caterpillars innumerable, 105:35 and devoured all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of the ground. 105:36 He smote also every first-born of their land, the first-fruits of all their labour. 105:37 And he brought them out with silver and gold; and there was not a feeble one among their tribes. 105:38 Egypt rejoiced at their departing; for the fear of them fell upon them. 105:39 He spread out a cloud for a covering to them, and fire to give them light by night. 105:40 They asked, and the quail came, and he satisfied them with the bread of heaven. 105:41 He clave the rock, and the waters flowed, rivers ran in dry places. 105:42 For he remembered his holy word, which he promised to Abraam his servant. 105:43 And he brought out his people with exultation, and his chosen with joy: 105:44 and gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the labours of the people; 105:45 that they might keep his ordinances, and diligently seek his law. (LXX)

In this week's study from Tehillim / Psalms 105:1-45, the Psalm opens saying, הַּלְלוּיָה | הוֹדוּ לֵיהֹנָה יַשְׁמִיעַ כָּל-תְּהַלְּתוֹ: בּ מִי יְמֵלֵל גְּבוּרוֹת יְהֹנָה יִשְׁמִיעַ כָּל-תְּהַלְּתוֹ הוֹ the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. 106:2 Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord, which is connected to his mercy and grace (קַסְּה, lovingkindness). The

Aramaic Targum states the following, :הללויה שבחו אלהא אודו קדם יהוה ארום טב ארום לעלם טוביה: לעלם טוביה: אודו קדם יהוה ארום טב ארום לעלם טוביה: 106:1 Hallelujah! Give thanks in the presence of the Lord, for he is good, for his goodness is forever. 106:2 Who is able to utter the might of the Lord? [Who] is allowed to proclaim all his praises? (EMC) Why does the psalmist speak of who is able to describe the might of God, and to proclaim His praises? This is related to the purpose for which we are called as God's people, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9) Our purpose is to bring praises to the name of the Lord God of Israel by the way He has worked in our lives, to save us from our sins, and simply for the fact of His mercy. The Lord is worthy, and we are able to declare these things because He has chosen us to declare such things.

The psalmist goes on to speak of those who love and praise the Lord, saying, אַשְׁרֵי שִׁמְרֵי מִשְׁכֵּט עֹשֵׁה בְּעִּלְחַת גּוֹיֶךְ אַשְׁרֵי מִשְׁרָּי מִשְׁרָּי יְהֹוֶה בִּרְצוֹן עַמֶּךְ פַּקְדֵנִי בִּישׁוּעָתֶךְ: הֹ לְרְאוֹת | בְּטוֹבַת בְּחִירֶיךְ לִשְׂמִחַ בְּשִׂמְחַת גּוֹיֶרְ צְּבֶּרְ בְּטוֹבֵת בְּחִירֶיךְ לִשְׁמִחַ בְּשִׁמְחַת גּוֹיֶרְ וֹ זְּבָרְנִי יְהֹוָה בִּרְצוֹן עַמֶּךְ פַּקְדֵנִי בִּישׁוּעָתֶךְ: וֹ חָטָאנוּ עִם-צְּבוֹתֵינוּ הָּעֲיִינוּ הִרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַּרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַּרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַיְּבְיִינוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הַבְּרְבִיוּ הְבְּיִרְנוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ: הַרְשְׁעְנוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּי הַיְּעְנוּינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹנוּ הַבְּעִינוּ הַבְּרְבִיוּ הַבְּלְיִינוּ הַבְּעִייִנוּ הַבְּעִייִנוּ הַבְּעִייִרְנוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּינוּ הְרְשְׁעְנוּינוּ הַבְּעִייִרוּ הְבְּבְיוֹנוּ הַבְּעִוּיְנוּ הַבְּבְיוֹנוּ הַבְּרְבִיוּ הְבְּיִינוּ הַבְּעִיוּתְוּתְוּ בְּוֹיְנוּינוּ הְּבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּיִינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹנוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹתְיוּ בְּיִיבְּוּ בְּבְּבְיוֹתְ בְּיִינְתְּיִינוּ הְבִיוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּיִינְוּ הְבְּבְיוֹתְ בְּבְּיִינְוּיְ בְּיִיבְּיוּ הְבְיּבְיוּ הְבְּבְיוֹינוּ הְבְּבְיוֹיְ בְּיִינְיוּ הְבְיּבְיוּ הְבִּיוֹתְ בְּבְיוֹתְיְם הְיוֹיְיִינוּ הְיוֹיְיוּ הְיוֹיְיוּ בְּיִיבְיוּ הְיִינוּ הְּבְּיִינוּ הְיִינוּ הְּבְיִינוּ הְבְּיִיבוּ הְיִינוּ הְיִינוּ הְיִינוּ הְיִיבּיוּ הְבְּיוֹינוּ הְבְּיוּבְיוּ בְּישְׁתְּבְּבִיוּ בְּבְּיוֹבוּ הְבְּיִינוּ הְיִינוּ הְּיִיוּתְיוּ בְּיִיוּ הְיּבְיוּתְיוּ בְּיִיבְיוּ הְבְיּבְיוּ הְבְּיוֹיוּ בְּיּבְיוּ הְבְּיוֹיוּ בְּיּבְיוּ בְּיִיוּבְיוּ בְּיּבְיוּתְיוּ בְּיִיוּ בְּיּבְיוּ בְּיִיוּ בְּיִיבְיוּ בְּבְיוּתְיוּ בְּיִיוּ בְּיִּבְיוּיוּ בְּבְּיִיוּ בְּבְּיְבְיוּתְיוּ בְּיוּ בְּבְּיְ

Bereshit / Genesis 18:16-33

18:16 Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off. 18:17 The Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18:18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? 18:19 'For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.' 18:20 And the Lord said, 'The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. 18:21 'I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.' 18:22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the Lord. 18:23 Abraham came near and said, 'Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 18:24 'Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? 18:25 'Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?' 18:26 So the Lord said, 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account.' 18:27 And Abraham replied, 'Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am but dust and ashes. 18:28 'Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' 18:29 He spoke to Him yet again and said, 'Suppose forty are found there?' And He said, 'I will not do it on account of the forty.' 18:30 Then he said, 'Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?' And He said, 'I will not do it if I find thirty there.' 18:31 And he said, 'Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it on account of the twenty.' 18:32 Then he said, 'Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it on account of the ten.' 18:33 As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the Lord departed, and Abraham returned to his place. (NASB)

Note that righteousness and justice are two key aspects of what the Lord expects of us, as we read in Parashat Noach and the reason for the destruction of the world. Righteousness and Justice are brought into the context of Parashat Vavera by reason of Abraham's appeal to the Lord God on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We are told that the Lord heard the "great outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah" (18:20). The question is whether the Lord is roaming about the earth, seeing the people and their evil deeds and hearing of their wickedness? Or is He in heaven and heard the outcry of that wicked place? If the latter is the case, how did the Lord hear of the actions of the people? Could the outcry that the Lord had heard been the prayers of "righteous Lot, whose righteous soul was vexed by the wickedness of these cities?" (2 Peter 2:6-8) The Lord said, 18:17 ... 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18:18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? 18:19 'For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.' (NASB) The purpose was so that Abraham would keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, and that he would teach his children to do likewise. In a similar manner, we too are to model our lives after Abraham, because when the Lord told him that He was going to destroy these cities, Abraham had concern for the righteous and immediately began to intercede for them. How could the Lord God possibly destroy these cities if there were righteous men and women living in them? According to Parashat Vayera, God's purpose in calling Abraham and his offspring was to raise up a people characterized by righteousness and justice, a people who would walk in His ways. Not only did the Lord God show Himself to be righteous and just, He also worked in Abraham's life to show how Abraham was a man who loved righteousness and justice. We too are to love righteousness and justice, and in striving to do so, the Lord will bring His salvation to us (*Tehillim / Psalms 106:4*).

These people recognize their short comings and sinfulness saying, בּוְלֵינוּ הֶּלְשֵׁנְינוּ הָרְשִׁנְינוּ הָרְשִׁנְינוּ הָרְשִׁנְינוּ הָרְשִׁנְינוּ הָרְשִׁנְינוּ הְלְאוֹתִינוּ בְּמַבְיכוּ בְּיִם-סוּף: ח וַיּוֹשִׁיעֵם לְמַעַן זֹ אֲבּוֹתִינוּ בְמִצְרִים | לֹא-הִשְׂכִילוּ נִפְּלְאוֹתֶיךּ לֹא זָכְרוּ אֶת-רֹב חֲסָדֶיךּ וַיִּמְרוּ עַלֹ-יָם בְּיִם-סוּף: ח וַיּוֹשִׁיעֵם לְמַעַן 106:6 We have sinned like our fathers, We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. 106:7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. 106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known. (NASB) Note the significance of these Scripture, the Lord saving His people for His name's sake! It is interesting how the Lord saves His people because of His name's sake. What does this mean "for His name's sake?" The reason the Lord glorifies His Name is to vindicate (prove to be right) His name from the blasphemous reproaches which the Egyptians and the men of this world have cast upon it if His people had been destroyed. Throughout the Tanach and the Apostolic Writings, we are told of the Lord's passion for His own glory, for example according to Isaiah 48:9-11.

Isaiah 48:9-11

48:9 'For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And for My praise I restrain it for you, In order not to cut you off. 48:10 'Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. 48:11 'For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another. (NASB)

Note how the Lord says "For My name's sake," "For the sake of my praise," "For my own sake," "How should my name be profaned," and "My glory I will not give to another." The Lord is concerned with His glory, and it is by reason of His glory we are saved. The following are a few references to the Scriptures that speak of this method of bringing glory to His name:

- The Lord chose his people for His glory (*Ephesians 1:4-6*)
- The Lord created us for His glory (*Isaiah 43:6-7*)

- Tehillim / Psalms 106 | ספר תהילים קו
 - The Lord called Israel for His glory (*Isaiah 49:3*, *Jeremiah 13:11*)
 - The Lord rescued Israel from Egypt for His glory (*Tehillim / Psalm 106:7-8*)
 - The Lord raised Pharaoh up to show His power and glorify His name (*Romans 9:17*)
 - The Lord defeated Pharaoh at the Red Sea to show His glory (*Shemot / Exodus 14:4-18*)
 - The Lord spared Israel in the wilderness for the glory of His name (*Ezekiel 20:14*)
 - The Lord gave Israel victory in Canaan for the glory of His name (2 Samuel 7:23)
 - The Lord did not cast away His people for the glory of His name (*l Samuel 12:20-22*)
 - The Lord saved Jerusalem from attack for the glory of His name (2 Kings 19:34 and 20:6)
 - The Lord restored Israel from exile for the glory of His name (*Ezekiel 36:22-32*)
 - Yeshua taught us to do good works so that the Father is glorified (Matthew 5:16 and 1 Peter 2:12)
 - Yeshua warned that not seeking God's glory makes faith impossible (*John* 5:44)
 - Yeshua said that prayer is answered so that God would be glorified (*John* 14:13)
 - Yeshua endured his final hours of suffering for God's glory (*John 12:27-28*, *John 17:1and 13:31-32*)
 - The Lord gave His Son to vindicate the glory of His righteousness (*Romans* 3:25-26)
 - The Lord instructs us to do everything for His glory (*l Corinthians 10:31*).
 - The Lord tells us to serve in a way that will glorify Him (*l Peter 4:11*)

It is important to note how all things were created for the purpose of bringing glory to the Lord God our Father in heaven. This is the significance of the Lord saving His people for His Name's sake. *Tehillim / Psalms 106* continues listing the glory of God and His mercy to save His people, and the people's rebellion even in the midst of the Lord working powerfully for all to see. The psalm continues saying the following:

Masoretic Text

Tehillim / Psalms 106:9-18

106:9 Thus He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up, And He led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness. 106:10 So He saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 106:11 The waters covered their adversar-

ies; Not one of them was left. 106:12 Then they believed His words; They sang His praise. 106:13 They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 106:14 But craved intensely in the wilderness, And tempted God in the desert. 106:15 So He gave them their request, But sent a wasting disease among them. 106:16 When they became envious of Moses in the camp, And of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord, 106:17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, And engulfed the company of Abiram. 106:18 And a fire blazed up in their company; The flame consumed the wicked. (NASB)

ט וַיִּגְעַר בְּיַם-סוּף וַיֶּחֶרָב וַיּוֹלִיכֵם בַּתְּהֹמוֹת כַּמִּדְבָּר: י וַיּוֹשִׁיעֵם מִיַּד שוֹנֵא וַיִּגְאָלֵם מִיַּד אוֹיֵב: יא וַיְכַסוּ-מֵים צָרֵיהָם אֶחָד מֵהֶם לֹא נוֹתָר: יב וַיַּאָמִינוּ בִּדְּבָרָיו יָשִׁירוּ תְּהָלֶּתוֹ: יג מִהְרוּ שָׁכְחוּ מַעֲשָׂיו לֹא-חִכּוּ לַעֲצָתוֹ: יד וַיִּתְאַוּ תַאֲנָה בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיְנַסוּ-אֵל בִּישִׁימוֹן: טו וַיִּתְלַ לָהֶם שֶׁאֱלָתָם וַיְשַׁלַּח רָזוֹן לֹא-חִכּוּ לַעֲצָתוֹ: יד וַיִּקְאוּ לְמשֶׁה בַּמַּחְנָה לְאַהְרֹן קְדוֹשׁ יְהֹנָה: יז הִפְּתַּח-אֶרֶץ וַתִּבְלֵע דְּתָן וַתְּכַס עַל-עֲדַת אֲבִירָם: יח וַתִּבְעַר-אֵשׁ בַּעֲדָתָם לֶהָבֶה תְּלַהֵט רְשָׁעִים:

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106:9 And he rebuked the sea of Reeds, and it dried up; and he conducted them through the deeps, as in the wilderness. 106:10 And he redeemed them from the power of the foe; and he redeemed them from the power of the enemies. 106:11 And the waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left. 106:12 And they believed in the name of his word; they sang his praise. 106:13 They quickly forgot his deeds; they did not wait for his counsel. 106:14 And they made a request and tested God in the place of desolation. 106:15 And he gave them their request, and sent leanness into their souls. 106:16 And they were jealous of Moses in the camp, of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord. 106:17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 106:18 And fire burned in their company; flame will kindle the wicked.

ט ונזף בימא דסוף ואתנגיב והליכינון בתהומיא היך כבמדברא: י ופרקינון מיד סנאה ופרק יתהון מן יד בעלי דבבא: יא וחפון מיא מעיקיהון חד מנהון לא אשתאר: יב והימינו בשום מימריה שבחו תושבחתיה: יג סרהיבו אתנשיאו עובדוי לא אסתברו איסתחרון למלכתיה: יד ושיילו שאלתא ורגיגו ריגגא ונסיאו אלהא באתר צדו צהי: טו ויהב להון שילותהון ושדר פתרנותא בנפשהון: טז וטננו למשה במשריתא לאהרן קדישא דיהוה: יז אתפתחת ארעא ובלעת דתן וחפת על סיעת אבירם: יח ודלקת אישתא בסיעתהון להבותא תשלהיב רשיעיא:

Note how the Targum translates saying the Lord redeemed the people from the depths of the sea, and He redeemed them from the power of the enemy. The people then quickly forgot the work of the Lord in their lives, rebelled, and sinned. The MT states, 106:13 They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 106:14 But craved intensely in the wilderness, And tempted God in the desert. 106:15 So He gave them their request, But sent a wasting disease among them. (NASB) whereas the Targum states 106:13 They quickly forgot his deeds; they did not wait for his counsel. 106:14 And they made a request and tested God in the place of desolation. 106:15 And he gave them their request, and sent leanness into their souls. (EMC) The rabbis interpret the wasting disease as a leanness of the soul. The people had witnessed the mercy of God, his might and power to deliver them from slavery. They walked in sin and yet the Lord delivered them in His mercy. It is very dangerous to live under the idea that one may sin freely because the Lord will forgive. The rabbis speak on this topic according to the Talmud Bavli Chagigah 16b.

Talmud Bavli Chagigah 16b

Rabbi Yehudah the son of Rabbi Nachmani, the translator of Reish Lakish, expounded: "What is [the meaning] of the verse, 'Do not trust in a friend, do not put confidence in a familiar friend (Micah 7:5)'? If the evil inclination tells you, 'Sin, and the Holy One, Blessed be He, will forgive, 'do not trust [him, as it is said], 'do not trust in a friend (heb. Rei'a)'. And there is no [term] 'friend' except for the evil inclination, as it is said, 'For the inclination of the heart of the man is evil (heb. Ra, with same letters as Rei'a) (Genesis 8:21). 'And there is no [term] 'familiar friend' except for the Holy One, Blessed be He, as it is said, "You are the friend of my youth (Jeremiah 3:4).' Maybe you will say, 'Who will testify against me?' The stones and beams of a man's house, they testify against him, as it is said, 'For a stone from the wall will cry out, and a beam from the wood will answer it (Habakkuk 2:11)." And the sages say, "The soul of a person testifies against him, as it is said, 'From that which sleeps in your bosom, guard your mouth (Micah 7:5). What is the thing that sleeps in the bosom of a man? You should say, this is the soul." R' Zerikah said, "The two accompanying angels, which escort him, they testify against him, as it is said, 'For he shall command his angels to guard you through all your ways (Psalms 91:11)." [And the sages say,] The limbs of a man testify against him, as it is said, 'And you are My witnesses, Hashem declares, And I am G-d (Isaiah 43:12)." Mishnah: [Yossi] the son of Yoezer says not to lean [on the chagigah offering]; Yosef the son of Yochanan says to lean. Yehoshua the son of Perachia says not to lean; Nitai the Arbelite says to lean. Yehudah the son of Tabbai says not to lean; Shimon the son of Shetach says to lean. Shemai'ah says to lean; Avtaliyon says not to lean. Hillel and Menachem did not argue. Menachem exited, Shammai entered. Shammai says not to lean, Hillel says to lean.

The rabbis in the Talmud expound upon the concept of sin and forgiveness. Rabbi Yehudah speak of a friend and putting trust in a friend as opposed to trusting in the Lord God of Israel, and parallel this to the Yetzer Hara (evil inclination) that says, 'Sin, and the Holy One, Blessed be He, will forgive,' where the Yetzer Hara appears to be a friend, but leads a man only to destruction. The Yetzer Hara is connected to the heart of a man, and the heart of man is said to be filled with all sorts of evil. (Matthew 15:19, Mark 7:21, Romans 1:29) The rabbis continue saying that the soul of a man testifies against him. This may be how the Targum translation views the leanness of the soul. There are some men who are very shallow in their faith, and such people make their requests known, and test the Lord God as a result, leaning upon unbelief and doubt when the Lord does not answer prayer within the time-line of their own making. The rabbis say that this is synonymous to sending leanness into the soul (Tehillim / Psalms 106:15). The rabbis say that two angels accompany each man, and these angels will testify against him as well. In addition, they say that a man's limbs will also testify against him. This speaks of our actions, what we say we believe by faith, and how we put our faith into action.

According to the historical narrative in the Torah, the people sinned greatly, and this is reiterated in the Psalm in the following way:

106:19 They made a calf in Horeb And worshiped a molten image. 106:20 Thus they exchanged their glory For the image of an ox that eats grass. 106:21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt, 106:22 Wonders in the land of Ham And awesome things by the Red Sea. 106:23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, To turn away His wrath from destroying them. 106:24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe in His word, 106:25 But grumbled in their tents; They did not listen to the voice of the Lord. 106:26 Therefore He swore to them That He would cast them down in the wilderness, 106:27 And that He would cast their seed among the nations And scatter them in the lands. 106:28 They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, And ate sacrifices offered to the dead. 106:29 Thus they

provoked Him to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them. 106:30 Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, And so the plague was stayed. 106:31 And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, To all generations forever. 106:32 They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah, So that it went hard with Moses on their account; 106:33 Because they were rebellious against His Spirit, He spoke rashly with his lips. 106:34 They did not destroy the peoples, As the Lord commanded them, 106:35 But they mingled with the nations And learned their practices, 106:36 And served their idols, Which became a snare to them. 106:37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, 106:38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood. 106:39 Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds. 106:40 Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against His people And He abhorred His inheritance. 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them. 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were subdued under their power. 106:43 Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity. (NASB)

The significant passage in these sequence of verses is Tehillim / Psalms 106:43, בַּצְלָהַם רַבּוֹת יַבְּיֹהָם רַבּוֹת בַּצְלָהָם רַבְּיֹהָ בַּעֲלָהָם רַבְּיֹהָ בַּעֲלָהָם רַבְּיֹהָם וַיָּמְהֹם רַבְּיֹהָם וַיְבָּיֹהָם וַיְבָּיֹהָם וַיְבָּיֹהָם וַיְבָּיִהְם וַיְבִּיהָם וַיְבִּיֹהָם וַיְבִּיֹהְם וַיְבִּיֹהְם וַיְבִּיֹהְם וַיְבִיּהְרוֹ בַּעֲצָהָם וַיְבִּיֹהְם וֹיְבִיּהְוֹן וֹהִיבוֹן לִיה במלכתהון ואתמכיאו בחוביהון: This speaks to the danger of practicing sin in our lives, that sin will bring us lower and to places we do not want go and if practiced long enough will cause our faith to waver. The MT states that they provoked Him in their counsel (וְהַבְּיִהְרוֹ בַעֲצָּהָם). This is an interesting way to describe the people, how they provoked Him with their counsel. What does it mean to provoke with counsel? We may gain some information on this from the Mishnah Pirkei Avot 6 Part 1.

Mishnah Pirkei Avot 6 Part 1

The Rabbis taught in the language (style) of the Mishnah: Rabbi Meir says: Anyone who involves himself in Torah for its own sake merits many things, and moreover the entire world is worthwhile for his sake; He is called "friend," "beloved," "lover of the Omnipresent," "lover of [all] creatures," "delighter of the Omnipresent," "delighter of [all] creatures." He is clothed in humility and reverence, and it prepares him to be righteous, devout, upright and trustworthy, and it distances him from sin, and draws him near to merit. We enjoy from him counsel and comprehension, understanding and strength, as it is said (Proverbs 8:14): "Mine is counsel and comprehension, I am understanding, mine is strength." It gives him kingship and dominion, and [the ability to] investigate in judgment, and the secrets of the Torah are revealed to him, and he becomes like an ever-strengthening spring, and like a river that does not stop. He is modest and long-tempered, and forgives insult to him; And it enlarges him and raises him above all [that God] made.

The rabbis speak of studying the Torah and the merits of doing so. Such a person is a "friend," "beloved," "lover of the Omnipresent," "lover of [all] creatures," "delighter of the Omnipresent," "delighter of [all] creatures." "He is clothed in humility and reverence, and it prepares him to be righteous, devout, upright and trustworthy, and it distances him from sin." Studying, taking hold of, and applying God's Word to one's life does all of these things. Note the number of significant statements made in the second half of the paragraph.

• We enjoy from him counsel and comprehension, understanding and strength,

- Tehillim / Psalms 106 | ספר תהילים קו ספר מא as it is said (Proverbs 8:14): "Mine is counsel and comprehension, I am understanding, mine is strength."
 - It gives him kingship and dominion,
 - [The ability to] investigate in judgment, and the secrets of the Torah are revealed to him,
 - He becomes like an ever-strengthening spring, and like a river that does not stop.
 - *He is modest and long-tempered, and forgives insult to him;*
 - It enlarges him and raises him above all [that God] made.

The word of God is able to give wisdom, and by taking counsel in God's Word, we learn how to seek the counsel of the Lord God in heaven, and how not to seek His counsel. The provocation of the people in the wilderness in their counsel to the Lord may be related to their refusal to listen and obey. They did not have their hearts set on living to please the Lord, to seek His righteousness, justice, and truth according to His words. Even though we fall short, we are called to seek these things in our lives, and this is pleasing in the Lord's eyes. Remember that falling short in our abilities to obey God's word is no excuse to neglect the mitzvot. Throughout the Scriptures we are called to strive for the righteousness of God because He is righteous, and because of who we are in Christ (the Messiah).

מד וַיַּרָא בַּצַּר לָהֶם בִּשְׁמְעוֹ אֶת-רְנַתַם: מה וַיִּזְכֹּר לָהֶם בָּרִיתוֹ וַיְּנַחֶם Tehillim / Psalm 106 concludes saying, מד וַיַּרָא בַּצַּר לָהֶם בִּשְׁמְעוֹ אֶת-רְנַתַם: מה בּרֹב חַסָדֵו [חַסַדִיו]: מו וַיָּתֵן אוֹתָם לְרַחַמִים לְפָנֵי כַּל-שׁוֹבֵיהֶם: מז הוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ | יִהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְקַבְּצֵנוּ מִן-הַגוֹיִם לְהֹדוֹת יָלְנִיָם בָּלְהִשְׁתַּבֵּחַ בִּתְהַלֶּעֶדְ: מח בָּרוּדְ-יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִן-הָעוֹלָם | וְעַד הָעוֹלָם וְאָמַר כָּל-הָעָם אָמֵן הַלְלוּיָה: 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them. 106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were subdued under their power. 106:43 Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity. 106:44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress When He heard their cry; 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. 106:46 He also made them objects of compassion In the presence of all their captors. 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name And glory in Your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen.' Praise the Lord! (NASB) Based upon the concluding verses, it is obvious this Psalm was written some time following the Babylonian exile of Israel. The Chaldeans, following standard Mesopotamian practice, deported the Jews after they had conquered Jerusalem occurring in 597 BCE. The people were relocated to Babylon, some estimate approximately 10,000 people were forced to move to Babylon. This is a point in the history of Israel when Judah ceased to function as an independent kingdom in the Land of Israel. We are told according to the book of Jeremiah, that king Nebuchadnezzar only relocated the most prominent of the citizens of Judah, professionals, priests, craftsmen, and the wealthy. The poor of the Land were allowed to stay, and we are told that the king of Babylon had the Land divided among the poor. In addition, there were rivalries between two groups of Jewish peoples who remained and many were killed. The significance of the concluding verses is in the psalmists recognizing the mercy of God, he says, 106:45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. (NASB) Studying the book of Ezekiel, we learn the period of Ezekiel is following the Babylonian exile where Ezekiel receives the visions of God in the land of the Babylonians. He speaks of the rebelliousness of God's people (*Ezekiel 2-4*) and yet the Lord had compassion on them and caused their captors to have mercy. (*Tehillim / Psalms 106:46*) Sforno on Shemot / Exodus 6:4 part 1 states the following regarding the covenant and mercy of God.

Sforno on Shemot / Exodus 6:4 part 1

וגם הקימותי , I have also sworn, as per Onkelos in Genesis 31:53 on the word אוישבע which he renders as וקיים. "G'd swore to keep His promise." Compare a similar phrase but worded differently in Psalms 106:44-45 "When He saw that they were in distress, when He heard their cry, He was mindful of His covenant and in His great faithfulness He relented."

According to Sforno, the Lord God of Israel swore to keep, or raise up (וקיים) His promise. When the people were in distress, repented of their sins, and cried out to the Lord, He heard them and remembered His covenant. The Aramaic Targum translates to say the following, מא ומסרינון ביד עמיא עממיא ושליטו בהון סנאיהון: מד וחמא כד עיק להון כד שמע שמיע קדמוי ית צלותיהון: מה ודכיר להון קיימיה ותב מן רוגזיה כסוגעי חסדוי טבוותיה: מו ויהב יתהון לרחמין באנפי כל דשבו יתהון: מז פרוק יתנא יהוה אלהנא וכנוש יתן מביני עממיא לאודאה בשום קודשך לאשתבחא בתושבחתך: מח בריך שמא דיהוה אלהא דישראל מן עלמא הדין :אבהו אבחו אלהא אמן הללויה שבחו 106:44 And he saw when it went ill with them, when he heard their prayer. 106:45 And he remembered his covenant in their favor, and he turned aside from his anger according to his abundant mercies. 106:46 And he made them find mercy in the sight of all who had taken them captive. 106:47 Redeem us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks in your holy name, to boast in your praise. 106:48 Blessed be the name of the Lord God of Israel, from this age to the age to come, and let all the people say, Amen, Hallelujah. (EMS) The rabbis translate the psalm to say that the Lord heard their prayer and remembered His covenant and showed mercy to Israel in the sight of all her captives. The in-gathering from the Gentile nations to the Holy Land is reason to give thanks and to boast in the praise of God's Name. This idea of gathering and delivering us from the nations, the taking us out of the nations and away from the evil and wicked practices, to walk in God's ways is coupled with the giving thanks to the Holy Name of God. Not only has this been given to Israel as we can see in the historical accounts, this has also now been offered even to the Gentile peoples in the Name of the Messiah Yeshua! According to the Torah, Moshe spoke of Israel's future disobedience that would result in a scattering of the people over all the world (Devarim / Deuteronomy 29:2-30:1). The Lord God of Israel promised according to Nehemiah 1:8-9 "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations," but if you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.' Note the connections here to returning to the Lord, keeping His commandments, and doing them, putting God's word into action. This is the very nature of the meaning of Teshuvah which is to be exhibited in all of our lives. According to the historical account of Israel, the people had made it a habit of leaving the ways of the Lord to sin, and then coming back to God's ways in Repentance (Teshuvah). The Lord was always willing in His mercy to receive back those who were lost, those who would turn their lives in repentance to walk in righteousness, holiness, and truth. In the Messiah Yeshua, the mercy of God has been extended to the Gentile peoples, to those who would humble themselves, seek the God of Israel, believe in His Messiah, and turn from sin to walk in righteousness, holiness, and truth entering to a covenant of peace, life, and justice, with the Creator of the Universe. What an Awesome God we serve! Let's Pray!

Heavenly Father,

Great and merciful are You O Lord! Great are the works of Your hands which are mighty and powerful to seek and to save us from death. Have mercy upon us for we are a sinful people. We seek to serve You all

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the days of our lives. Lord help us to have the strength to stand for truth and life, to have faith in Yeshua, a devotion to Your Word, and to love our neighbor each day. We thank You Lord for Your continued faithfulness to Your promises and to us. Help us to grow in our faith, to walk in the spirit, and apply these truths to our lives. We praise Your Holy Name and give You all of the honor, and the glory, and the praise forever and ever.

In Yeshua's (Jesus') Name we pray! Amen!

Be Blessed in Yeshua, Christ our Messiah!

:דלויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi, "Yeshua" King Messiah forever and ever

Notes