

THRU THE BIBLE EXPOSITION

Psalms: God's Nurture Of The Inner Man In The Life Of Faith CVI: Confession Of Sin Based On God's Faithful Record To Forgive (Psalm 106:1-48)

I. Introduction

- A. God repeatedly, faithfully forgives His people, what gives them hope in confessing their current sins to Him.
- B. Psalm 106 recalls God's faithful record to forgive Israel as hope for confessing present sin, what we can apply:

II. Confession Of Sin Based On God's Faithful Record To Forgive, Psalm 106:1-48.

- A. The verses of this psalm in the Hebrew text are numbered like those in the English Bible (Kittel, Bib. Heb., p. 1068), so we stay with the English Bible's numbering system with this lesson.
- B. We thus translate Psalm 106:1-48 (as follows): (1) "Praise Jahweh. Give thanks to Jahweh because He is Good, because His loyal love is eternal." (2) "Who can proclaim the mighty acts of Jahweh or fully declare His praise?" (3) "Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right." (4) "Remember me, O Jahweh, when You show favor to Your people; come to my aid when You save them," (5) "that I may enjoy the prosperity of Your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of Your nation and join Your inheritance in giving praise." (6) "We have sinned, even as our fathers did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly." (7) "When our fathers were in Egypt, they gave no thought to Your miracles; they did not remember Your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea." (8) "But He saved them for His name's sake, to make His mighty power known." (9) "He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; He led them through the depths as through a desert." (10) "He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy He redeemed them." (11) "The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived." (12) "Then they believed His promises and sang His praise." (13) "But they soon forgot what He had done and did not wait for His counsel." (14) "In the desert they gave in to their craving; in the wasteland they put God to the test." (15) "So He gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease upon them." (16) "In the camp they grew envious of Moses and Aaron, who was consecrated to Jahweh." (17) "The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; it buried the company of Abiram." (18) "Fire blazed among their followers; a flame consumed the wicked." (19) "At Horeb they made a calf and worshipped an idol cast from metal." (20) "They exchanged their Glory for an image of a bull, which eats grass." (21) "They forgot the God Who saved them, Who had done great things in Egypt," (22) "miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea." (23) "So He said He would destroy them--had not Moses, His chosen one, stood in the breach before Him to keep His wrath from destroying them." (24) "Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His promise." (25) "They grumbled in their tents and did not obey Jahweh." (26) "So He swore to them with an uplifted hand that He would make them fall in the desert," (27) "make their descendants fall among the nations and scatter them throughout the lands." (28) "They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;" (29) "they provoked (Jahweh) by their wicked deeds, and a plague broke out among them." (30) "But Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was checked." (31) "This was credited to him as righteousness for endless generations to come." (32) "By the waters of Meribah they angered (Jahweh), and trouble came to Moses because of them;" (33) "because they rebelled against His Spirit, and rash words came from his (Moses') lips." (34) "They did not destroy the peoples as Jahweh had commanded them," (35) "but they associated with the nations and learned their works." (36) "They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them." (37) "They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons." (38) "They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood." (39) "They defiled themselves by what they worked; by their deeds they prostituted themselves." (40) "Therefore Jahweh was angry with His people and abhorred His inheritance." (41) "He handed them over to the nations, and their foes ruled over them." (42) "Their enemies oppressed them and subjected them to their power." (43) "Many times He delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin." (44) "But He took note of their distress when He heard their cry;" (45) "for their sake He remembered His covenant and out of His great loyal love He relented." (46) "He caused them to be pitied by all who held them captive." (47) "Save us, O Jahweh our Elohim, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise." (48) "Praise be to Jahweh, the Elohim of Israel from eternity to eternity. Let all the people say, 'Amen!' Praise Jahweh."

Lesson: God's faithful record in always forgiving repentant Israel is our reason to hope He will forgive us today!