

# Psalms 107:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

## Analysis

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This is the third occurrence of the refrain (see vv. 8, 15). After the healing scenario, it again calls for thanksgiving. The consistency demonstrates that all of God's deliverances—from lostness, imprisonment, or sickness—equally merit praise. God's wonderful works encompass diverse forms of salvation, but all proceed from His goodness and covenant love (*chesed*). The repeated call suggests that praise is both duty and delight: redeemed people should overflow with thanksgiving for God's saving works.

## Historical Context

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In post-exilic worship, this liturgical refrain created rhythm for thanksgiving. Testimonies of various deliverances (geographical, political, physical) all culminated in the same response: praise for God's goodness. This pattern continues in Christian worship—diverse testimonies of salvation, healing, provision, and deliverance all lead to unified doxology. Heaven's worship follows this pattern: diverse redeemed peoples singing unified praise (Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-12).

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. Why does every form of God's deliverance merit the same response of praise?
2. How can diverse testimonies create unity in worship?
3. What role should thanksgiving play in response to God's wonderful works in our lives?

## Interlinear Text

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יֹדוּ	לִיהוָה	חֶסֶד וְ	נִפְלְאוֹתָיו
Oh that men would praise	the LORD	for his goodness	and for his wonderful works
H3034	H3068	H2617	H6381
לְבָנֵי י	אָדָם:		
to the children	of men		
H1121	H120		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 107:8** (Resurrection): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!