

## “WHEN SEA BILLOWS ROLL”

Psalm 107:23-30

(What To Remember When The Waves Of Life Pound Against Your Ship)

“He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.” (Psalm 107:29)

### Questions:

Have you ever...

1. Experienced great waters? (v. 23)
2. Been in the deep for a season? (v. 24)
3. Wonder who is in charge of the waves? (v. 25)
4. Feel like your soul is melting in trouble? (v. 26)
5. Feel like you were at your wit's end? (v. 27)
6. Doubt if God would bring you out of distress? (v. 28)
7. Wonder when God will calm the wind and waves? (v. 29)
8. Worry if God will complete His will in you? (v. 30)
9. Wonder if the joy of the Lord will return? (v. 30)
10. Wonder if God can restore His praise to your heart? (v. 31)

### — INTRODUCTION —

**Fact:** Psalm 107 is the song of the redeemed. (v. 2)

**Fact:** It was composed and probably sung at the dedication of the temple.

**Fact:** It is a record of the marvelous acts of the Lord towards His people.

**Fact:** It compares 5 earthly illustrations to God's faithfulness in your spiritual life.

1. In verses 1-9, we were travelers lost (but now are found).
2. In verses 10-16, we were prisoners chained (but now are free).
3. In verses 17-22, we were patients suffering (but now are healed).
4. In verses 23-32, we were sailors sinking (but now are safe).
5. In verses 33-38, we were deserts dry (but now are watered well).

### 5 “Wave Secrets” of the Lord

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#### I. The COMMANDER of the Waves (v. 23-25)

“For he (God) commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof”

**Fact:** Navigation was practiced little by the Israelites.

**Fact:** It was looked upon with awe, mystery, danger and peril.

**Fact:** Those who sailed to Ophir or Tarshish and returned alive were esteemed and considered as heroes.

**Question:** Why did mariners travel through “great waters” (v. 23)?

**Answer:** Only to “do business” (v. 23).

### In Other Words...

- The mariners traveled into deep waters with a higher purpose in mind.
- The mariners always had a future destination in view.

### Application

- So, faithful believers will travel through some “deep water” seasons.
- Some of you have endured some wind and waves in the journey.
- Some of you have spent some nights in the deep in the perfect will of God.

**Question:** But why has God allowed you to travel there?

**Answer:** Because God has a higher purpose in view!  
Because God has an intended destination in sight.  
Because God knows exactly what He is preparing you for down the road.

**Question:** Who is in charge (always in charge) of the waves that pound your ship?

**Answer:** For He commandeth the wind and waves. (V. 25)

**Fact:** One moment your life may be calm and quiet.

**Fact:** The next moment white caps are pounding against you.

**Fact:** Pain or anxiety toss up against you.

**Fact:** Uncertainty and fear toss up against you with force.

**Ask:** But who is still in charge?

**Ask:** Who is still in command?

**Ask:** Who is over what touches the life of the redeemed?

God commandeth the wind and waves. (v. 25)

Jesus is still Lord, still has the keys and the devil will never be given the rule over your life.

## II. The CONFUSION of the Waves (v. 26, 27)

“Their soul is melted because of trouble” (v. 26)

“They are at their wit’s end” (v. 27)

**Question:** What can unexpected waves do to a traveler in their journey?

**Question:** How can deep waters affect a sailor in the middle of an unexpected disappointment?

### 2 Revelations in Scripture

1. “Their Soul Melted” (v. 26) which means:

- To become dispirited
- To become despairing
- To become disquieted
- To become disheartened

2. “They Are At Their Wit’s End” (v. 27) which means:
- You’ve done all that you can do.
  - You don’t know anything else to do.
  - You’ve exhausted all of your human abilities.
  - You are confused somewhat as you’ve come to the end of yourself.

**“Wit’s End” Feelings Have Touched A Multitude**

*Job, Jonah, Joseph, Jeremiah and Jacob just to list a few.*

**Fact:** These are honest feelings of redeemed people.

**Fact:** These are real experiences of godly saints.

**Fact:** These are true confessions of faithful followers.

**III. The CRYING of the Waves (v. 28)**

“Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.” (v. 28)

**Question:** Pastor, what’s the answer when you have no answer?

**Question:** Pastor, what’s the solution when you see no solution?

**Question:** Pastor, what’s the resource when you find yourself...

...in great waters?

...in the deep?

...at wit’s end?

...with your soul melting?

**Question:** What do spiritual sailors do in their journey when Sea Billows Roll?

**“Then They Cry Unto the Lord” (v. 28)**

**Question:** Why pray in the midst of the storm?

**Answer:** Because prayer will bring God into focus.

Because prayer will elevate you above the waves.

Because prayer will anchor you until the waves subside.

Because prayer will lift you above human perspectives.

Because prayer will leave you with the peace of God.

**Fact:** Prayer is like a telescope; it brings God close up!

**Fact:** Prayer is like a microscope; it reveals God more clearly.

**Fact:** Prayer is like a magnifying glass; it magnifies God above your immediate agitations. It enables you to see “Our God Reigns” and this relieves your distresses. (v. 25)

**IV. The CALMING of the Waves (v. 29)**

“He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.” (v. 29)

### Remember Before

- In verse 23, “great waters”
- In verse 24, “in the deep”
- In verse 25, “stormy wind and waves”
- In verse 26, “our soul is melted”
- In verse 27, “at wit’s end”
- In verse 28, “crying out in trouble”

**Question:** What does the devil whisper to you in the middle of stormy winds?

**Question:** How does the enemy discourage so many in the winds and waves of life?

**Question:** What’s the deceiver’s favorite line to melt the souls of mariners in their journey?

**“YOU WILL NEVER SEE THE END OF YOUR GREAT WATERS”**

**(But God has a different word:)**

- God maketh the storm a calm!
- God maketh the winds to cease!

**Which means, beloved:**

- There is a proper conclusion to every wind and wave you feel.
- What you see in the immediate is not all God sees in the future.
- The way out is the way through.

**In other words...**

As God calms the waves in a literal ocean,  
So God calms the waves in a turbulent soul!

**Yes !**

- “Stillness” is a present day ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- “Stillness,” “Rest,” “Quietness” and “Calm” is the inheritance for those whose Captain is Jesus !

### V. The CONCLUSION of the Waves (v. 30)

“...so he bringeth them unto their desired haven” (v. 30)

**Oh What Assurance !**

- The Great Pilot is responsible to see that you get where He is desiring to take you.
- The Great Pilot will complete what He has started in you !

- The Great Pilot always has your end in view when you find yourself in the midst of turbulent waves !

“Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness ... to do thee good at thy latter end” (Deuteronomy 8:15, 16)

“My times are in thy hand” (Psalm 31:15)

“He makes all things beautiful in His time.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

**Question:** How big is your God today?

**Question:** Are you at “wit’s end,” at the end of yourself?

**Question:** Has your soul “melted” in the midst of high winds?

**Question:** Can you find Jesus in prayer, and see Him relieve your distresses?

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus !

*AMEN !*

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