

4. What are the blessings and what is the reality given to them?
 - a. Release from fear in its many forms.
 - b. Freedom from self-guilt and sorrow.
 - c. Freedom from the gloom of the impending adversity of life.
5. Our Message (briefly summarized)
 - a. I called on the Lord
 - b. He dealt bountifully with me!
 - c. What shall I render to Him?
6. Conclusion: The reality of deliverance not only alters ones view of eternity but also markedly affects his understanding of the life he now lives. What a wonderful thing it is to know the deliverance of God! And how simple it is to know it through saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who believe on (in) Him have life, shall never perish, and shall never be cast out. In Him is the deliverance we so desperately need and it is so freely given!

B. A Joyous Birthright, Psalm 87

(A logical second point for our study. We pleas for Christians to consider their birth, be thankful for it, and out of it learn to live triumphantly.)

1. Introductory notes on the Psalm:

a. Outline

- introduction, the superscription
(if you think of this as a song for the sons of Korah, and if you recall all that is involved in that situation, you will wonder at the grace and mercy of God.)
- the favored place of Zion vss 1-3
(there is no place like the place chose by God..it is favored and loved of him above all others.)
- the testimony of the citizens;vss 4-5
(to those born of God, witness to His goodness far and wide is natural.)
- confidence in the Lord, vss. 6-7
(to be in Jerusalem is not enough, but to be reckoned of the Lord, that is wonderful)

b. Interesting features of the Psalm.

- (1) It seems to be late in the completion of the Psalter (reference to Babylon).
- (2) The mention of "Rahab" (vs. 4) seems to be a reference to Egypt.