

Turning Complaints into Thanks

Psalm 106



How would you describe the year 2020 so far? This year, more than ever before, we have plenty of reasons for complaints.

We know that we should “rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances,” but sometimes it’s just difficult.

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

When we thoughtfully consider who God is and what He’s done, we can turn our complaints into thanks!

Throughout most of Psalm 106, however, the Israelites’ complaints against God remind us of our own complaints:

1. Ingratitude (vv. 6-7)
2. Forgetfulness (vs. 7)
3. Rebellion (vs. 7)
4. Short-term memory (vs. 13a)
5. Self-will (vs. 13b)
6. Frustration (vs. 14-15)
7. Rejection of God’s leaders (vv. 16-18)
8. Idolatry (vv. 19–23).
9. Unfaithfulness (vv. 24-27)
10. Impatience (vv. 32-33)
11. Disobedience (vs. 34)
12. Rejection of God’s plan (vv. 40-46)

Complaints turn to thanks when we remember God’s warnings and rest in His salvation (vv. 47-48).!

“Bring the Rain” - Bart Millard

*Bring me joy – bring me peace; Bring the chance to be free
Bring me anything that brings Your glory
And I know there'll be days; When this life brings me pain
But if that's what it takes to praise You; Jesus, bring the rain.*

Turn my complaints into thanks!