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Theme : Making our Election sure.
Topic : The Song and Signs of life of the Redeemed
Passage : Matthew 7:16-17; Psalm 107:1-9
Key Verse : *...You will know them by their fruits...every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit Matthew 7:16-17*
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Introduction

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Who has a song for God?

The redeemed - those who have been delivered by God out of sin and death, suffering and distress - have a song overflowing from their mouths. This song matches the source and spiritual state of their lives; inward nature dictates outward action and words. A good tree naturally produces good fruit, a bad tree, bad fruit; you cannot fake a nature for long.

To redeem is always to reclaim what once belonged to you (like redeeming your own property). God created us, humanity once belonged to Him; but when we became enslaved by the enemy, God bought us back. *Psalm 107* says the redeemed thank the LORD God for redeeming them from troubles, caused by their own rebellion, despising God's counsel and foolishness. *Psalm 107:11,17.*

What song does the redeemed sing?

- Our predicaments before we were redeemed
 - Homeless, wanderings and distress *Psalm 107:4-5*
 - Prisoners, chains, gloom and hard labour *Psalm 107:10-12*
 - Sinners (fools), diseases and death-door *Psalm 107:17,18*
 - Fearful, wit's end, peril and panic-stricken *Psalm 107:26,27*
- The turning point when we cried to the LORD in our troubles *Psalm 107:6,13,19,28*
...Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble and He delivered them from their distress ...
- The rescue and exhortation to thank the LORD *Psalm 107: 8,15,21,31*
...Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men...
 - Homeless, given a home ...He led them to a dwelling (to settle) *Psalm 107:7*
 - Prisoners, freed ...He broke chains, brought them out of darkness and death *Psalm 107:14*
 - Sinners, healed ...He sent His word...healed, rescued them from the grave *Psalm 107:20*
 - Fearful, comforted ...He stilled storm, waves, guided them to their haven *Psalm 107:29-30*

1 What is the LORD's relationship to His elect? (that He should hear us every time we call)

- a) He is LORD God - Jehovah, the Eternal I AM
- b) He is Creator God of heaven and earth, Sovereign, Power, Authority.
This foundational Creator-creature dynamic extends into relational roles as Ownership-possession, Potter-clay *Romans 9:21*.
- c) Covenant God in His relationship to His people, Israel and His enduring Presence with them in their redemptive story. Through faith in Jesus, we are spiritually grafted into God's eternal covenant family *Romans 11:17,18*.

2 What SIGNS do the redeemed show to honour this Master-servant relationship?

a) A New Master (Intention now is Jesus' Lordship; allegiance transferred from self to God)

- New Belonging
 - Jesus' church *ekklesia* – company of the called out.
(Redeemed ones will be found in the company of true worshippers of the LORD).
 - Our God is a Covenant-Making God. As covenant people, our role is to be a covenant-keeper to bear the fruit of holiness (God's character) with obedience and loyalty (our covenant faithfulness), in a community of love and forgiveness with fellow believers who share this permanent bond (covenant fulfilment).
- New Identity *2 Corinthians 5:17*
 - As new creation in Christ; we have new values/friendships to glorify Jesus.
- New Lifestyle
 - From selfish motives *James 4:3* to obedience, led by God's Spirit *Romans 8:14*.
- New Habits: Discipline in speech
 - Saying *Thank You* marks a Christian, instead of complaining.
Romans 1 gives a graphic list of sins of men inflamed with unnatural lusts
...they neither glorified God nor gave thanks to Him...Romans 1:21
What was at the heart of their being unable to give thanks?
These men could not recognize the gift God had given them.
 - Bishop Gilbert Burnet, 1650's, told this story of a home he visited:
The home was so ramshackle that he immediately felt sorry for whoever was living there. As he drew closer, he heard singing and shouting praises to God. When he looked into the window, he saw a pitiful woman with an even more pitiful meal – a piece of black bread, a cup of cold water. Her eyes and hands lifted up to heaven. This was what she said: *What, all this and Jesus too?*
 - Do you have eyes to see all that God has given to consider, rejoice and give thanks? *...O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endures for ever ...Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD Psalm 107:1,43.*

b) A New Productivity (Impact now is to glorify Jesus' Body)

...by their fruit you shall know them...Matthew 7:16

- Disciples are appointed to a life of fruitfulness, and not to be barren or unfruitful.
2 Peter 1:8; John 15:16.

- What do we produce?
Fruit of the Spirit – 9 character traits of the fruit of the Holy Spirit *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - love, joy, peace (towards God)
 - longsuffering (patience), kindness, goodness (others)
 - faithfulness, gentleness (meekness), self-control (self)

(Conversely, those who practise the works of the flesh, such as, selfish ambition, idolatry, drunkenness, shall not inherit the Kingdom of God).

- Fruit of our good works to expand God's Kingdom
 - Life-giving influence, winning souls *Proverbs 11:30*
 - Building of the Kingdom.
 - Producing faithful men and women to be labourers and disciple-makers.

How long can we keep being productive? *Psalms 92:13-14; John 15:5*
Even in old age, if we are planted in the LORD's house and abiding in Christ.

c) **A New Priority** (Investment now of money and time for Jesus' Kingdom)

- In investments - Seek first the Kingdom of God.
There are many demands in life every day, so choose to put Jesus and His will first.
Many needs but God's Kingdom must rank first.

In *1 Kings 17*, Elijah was sent to a poor widow of Zarepath, during a severe drought. She had only a handful of flour and oil left for her final meal with her son. Elijah requested that she served him first and her supply would not run out. She did it as an act of faith and God miraculously sustained them until rain returned.

- In time allocation – What areas of our lives must God take first place?
 - The best hours of each day
 - The best days of our lives for His purpose.
 - The greatest delight in His Word for He gives our hearts' desires. *Psalms 37:4*
 - The first allocation of our wealth for Kingdom purpose.
 - The priority to keep growing in our relationship with God.
Efforts made to study the Word of God and pray remain a daily habit.
- In readiness to hear the Lord's voice ...*My sheep hear My voice...* *John 10:27*
 - To grow, starting from the milk and progressing to solid food. *Matthew 4:4*
The disciple who listens to other voices cannot expect to grow.
 - To partake of God's divine nature to escape the world's corrupting values *2 Peter 1:4*

Application

- **To make your election sure, set aside time for weekly self-examination using parameters, listed above.**