

**Scripture:** Ps. 107 Confession of Faith art. 2.2  
**Singing:** 88:1-3 – 108:1, 2, 5-7 – 295:1-4 – 404:1, 2, 5

## **GOD'S AUTO-BIOGRAPHIES (2)**

I. The Book of Creation & Providence II. The Book of Salvation

### **I. PART ONE OF GOD'S FIRST AUTO-BIOGRAPHY: THE BOOK OF CREATION**

A. Do you read God's Book of Creation for self-pleasure or for God-worship?

1. Our failure to respond to His voice in Scripture is sin (Prov. 1:24-25)
  
2. Is our failure to respond to His voice in creation also sin? (Rom. 1:21-25)
  
3. David's example is to guide us *how* to respond to His glory: Ps. 145 (104:24)

B. Our inability to respond appropriately is not excuse: Romans 1:18-25

1. God equipped us above all other creatures with ability: vs. 19
  
2. Even our 'marred left-over' ability we abuse: 18, 21, 23, 25 (John 1:5)

### **II. PART TWO OF GOD'S FIRST AUTO-BIOGRAPHY: THE BOOK OF PROVIDENCE**

A. God's *preservation and government of the universe* is also His 'speech'

1. Acts 14:17 speaks of His witness in His daily 'common' provision
  
2. Acts 17:25-28 reinforces the testimony of His involvement in all details
  
- 3 Matt 5:45 (Ps. 65:8-13) confirms His providence is His message of love

B. Ps. 107 is a specimen of *praising and worshipping* God as we read *providence*

1. Ps. 105-107 are called *historical Psalms* (read: His-storical Psalms)
  
2. The recurrent chorus is to be our daily song: 8, 15, 21, 31
  
3. We not only sin against God but also impoverish ourselves in failing to *read and study God's Book of Providence*
  - a. reading 'history of mankind' leads to misery/pain: Eccl. 1:14-18
  
  - b. but reading to see 'His-Story' leads to wisdom & joy: Ps. 107:43

### **Personal Reflections:**

A. Do we attentively 'read & study' His Book of Providence?

B. What Divine attributes does He reveal in His providence for us to worship?

C. What do we 'hear Him say' in the suffering and misery He brings or allows?

1. God always speaks: *in pleasures and in pains*
2. Pain is not the problem. It is a message.
3. Most suffering that 'innocents' suffer is result of sin
4. In eternity the reading of God's Book of Nature and Providence may reveal more of His glories: Eph. 2:8; Rev. 21-22

### **Thoughts on God's Book of Providence**

While providence supports, let saints securely dwell;  
That hand which bears all nature up, shall guide His children well. (Doddridge)

God is in the facts of history as truly as He is in the march of seasons,  
The revolutions of the planets, and the architecture of the universe. (Lanahan)

God is to be trusted when His providences seem to run contrary to His promises. (Watson)