

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature** **(OT Survey Lesson 256—Psalms 106)**

**Introduction:** With this psalm the fourth book of the Psalms closes. It is a profound contrast between the unfaithfulness of Israel and the everlasting faithfulness of God to His promises. It is the first of a series of what have been called “Hallelujah” psalms; since it begins and ends with this Hebrew exhortation to praise the Lord.

**Lesson aim:** To show the need to praise God for His faithfulness in spite of man’s unbelief and sin.

### **A penitential psalm contrasting the faithfulness of God and the unfaithfulness of Israel—Psalm 106:1-48**

*(Three verses of this psalm, v. 1,47-48, are quoted by the Chronicler as having been composed by David or a contemporary to celebrate the ark’s return to Jerusalem, 1 Chron. 16.)*

1. With what two exhortations does the psalmist begin this psalm? (v. 1) Why?
2. What is the point of verse 2? Who does the psalm indicate is truly blessed? (v. 3)
3. What personal petition did the psalmist offer to God? (v. 4) To what end? (v. 5)
4. *In verse 6-46 the psalmist reviews the many transgressions of Israel and God’s response.* With what confession does he begin? (v. 6)
5. How were the Israelite fathers unfaithful? (v. 7) However, what did the Lord do? (v. 8-10) Consequently, how did the people respond to God’s deliverance? (v. 12)
6. *Israel’s faith was short-lived.* How did Israel act in the aftermath of the Exodus and with what consequences? (v. 13-15)
7. What historical event is mentioned in v. 16-18?
8. How else did Israel sin against God? (v. 19-23) What prevented them from being destroyed? (v. 23)

9. To what historical event do verses 24-27 refer?
10. What sin did Israel commit at Baal-peor? (v. 28-31) Who intervened in saving the nation? (v. 30) What was reckoned to him? (v. 31)
11. How did the Israelite's unfaithfulness affect Moses, their leader? (v. 32-33)
12. How were the Israelites unfaithful after entering Canaan? (v. 34-39) Consequently what did the Lord do? (v. 40-43)
13. Yet, in spite of Israel's long pattern of unbelief, how did God respond? (v. 44-46)
14. The psalmist now urges God to do what for His captured people? (v. 47)
15. How does the psalmist praise God? (v. 48)