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*Disorientation to*  
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# DAYS OF ANGUISH

# DAYS OF HOPE

Chaplain Robert Preston Taylor's  
Ordeal and Triumph as a  
POW in World War II.

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- 1. Why did Chaplain Taylor survive?**
- 2. How can we be thankful when there is so much suffering in the world?**
- 3. Should we hope for temporal things?**
- 4. How are we to live thankful lives?**

# **Psalm 107**

# **Desert Wanderers**

**Ps. 107:8-9 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

# Prisoners

**Ps. 107:15-16** Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

# Sick

**Ps. 107:21-22** Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

# **Sailors in the storm**

**Ps. 107:31-32 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.**



**Our affections are revealed in our  
discussions.**

- 1. Opportunity for thanks often flows from difficulty.**
- 2. Opportunity for thanks is revealed in a variety of circumstances.**
- 3. Thanks is appropriate for temporal blessings.**
- 4. We should be thankful for what God does in our lives, regardless of the stories of others.**

## **Hebrews 6:19**

**The hope of the gospel is the anchor  
for our souls.**

**1 Tim. 4:1-4 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,**

**1 Tim. 6:6-11 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.**

**Hope and corresponding gratitude  
for hope fulfilled has a scale.**

**Rightly ordered "hope" empowers  
our capacity for giving thanks in all  
of what God provides.**

**1 Th. 4:13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.**

**1. Why did Chaplain Taylor survive?**

**2. How can we be thankful when so many are suffering?**

**3. Should we hope for temporal things?**



# Be Thankful

**Small Hopes Fulfilled**

**Larger Hopes Fulfilled**

**Largest Hope will be  
Fulfilled**