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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 106:8 *Yet He saved them for His name's sake, to make His mighty power known.* (NIV)

It is interesting how David uses his words in this psalm. He begins by saying in v. 1 ***Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.*** (NIV) But he transitions into a specific mode in verse eight. It changes from the things that the LORD has done for Israel to Who the LORD is. Has the LORD done great and mighty things? Yes, of course He has. Did He part the Red Sea and the River Jordan? Yes, absolutely. Did He feed the millions of people in the wilderness every day? No doubt. All of these miracles are things that He has done. But I believe that the most important fact is brought out by David in this verse: ***'for His name's sake.'*** In other words, the LORD did not act just because He could; He acted because of Who He is. He is Provider - Jehovah Jireh. He is God Almighty - El Shaddai. He is LORD and Master - Adonai. He is Healer - Jehovah Rapha. And we could go on and on to speak of all of His names. Each one brings out His character. They depict the nature of the LORD. His name is above every name. It is Who He is. And David remarks that the LORD saved them so as not to shame His name. He is perfect in every way. He will do what He says He will do. And He is able to do it.

And now David puts the icing on the cake. He gives reason for all of this: ***to make His mighty power known.*** Why had the LORD done all of these things? He wants everyone to know that He holds all power. Not so that He can make everyone do as He says (which He has the power to do, but not the will to do). So that people will see the only place to turn to is to the One Who holds all of the power in His hands. He is able. He is willing. He is LORD! **Prov. 18:10 *The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*** (NIV)

Dear LORD, Your name is above every name. We worship You and exalt Your name. Help us to continually seek You and to lift up the name that is above all names! In Jesus Name, Amen