



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 136:1-26 (NAS)

Topic: "Thanking God for His Grace"

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 5 To Him who made the heavens with skill, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 6 To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 7 To Him who made the great lights, For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
- 8 The sun to rule by day, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 9 The moon and stars to rule by night, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 10 To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 11 And brought Israel out from their midst, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 12 With a strong hand and an outstretched arm, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 13 To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 15 But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 17 To Him who smote great kings, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 18 And slew mighty kings, For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 20 And Og, king of Bashan, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 21 And gave their land as a heritage, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 22 Even a heritage to Israel His servant, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
- 24 And has rescued us from our adversaries, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 25 Who gives food to all flesh, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

I. A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

- A. Verses 1, 2, 3, 26 Command Us To Give Thanks
- B. All The Other Verses In This Chapter Imply The Same Command To Give Thanks
- C. In Everything We Are To Give Thanks *Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

II. THE PSALMIST QUOTES FROM OTHER PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE

- A. God Of God, Lord Of Lord *Deuteronomy 10:17*

B. Mighty Hand and Out Stretched Arm *Deuteronomy 4:34, 5:15, 7:14*

C. Reminder To Us Of Our Need To Be Familiar With God's Word
1 Corinthians 10:6

III. GIVE THANKS

- A. To Give Thanks Means To Confess, To Tell
- B. We Are To Declare God Is The Source Of All Goodness
- C. His Goodness Declared In Genesis 1
- D. We Give Thanks Because Of God's Sovereignty *Romans 8:28, 35-39*

IV. THE OBJECTS OF OUR THANKSGIVING

- A. God's Works In Creation *Proverbs 3:19*
- B. God's Works In Salvation *1 Peter 2:9*
 1. God's love is a particular love *Deuteronomy 7:7; Romans 9:13-15*
 2. God's love does not negate His judgment

V. APPLICATION FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

- A. We Are Reminded Of Our Lowly State To Better See His Lovingkindness
- B. He Rescues From The Evil One and From Our Own Sin
- C. He Provides For All Our Needs
- D. As The God Of Heaven He Has Opened That Door To Us
- E. All This That We May See His Lovingkindness Is Everlasting