



Text: Psalm 136

SNOOK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Introduction: Thanksgiving is a special time of the year. We will find the words “thanks,” “thankful” and “thanksgiving” 42 times combined in the psalms. This particular psalm was meant to be a very repetitive one in order to assist in memorization. If we are truly thankful for what God has given we will remember why God has given it. He blesses us because He is loving and merciful. Let’s consider **Psalm 136** together...

Discussion:

- ¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! **For His mercy endures forever.**
- ² Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! **For His mercy endures forever.**
- ³ Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! **For His mercy endures forever:**
- ⁴ To Him who alone does great wonders, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ⁵ To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ⁶ To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ⁷ To Him who made great lights, **For His mercy endures forever—**
- ⁸ The sun to rule by day, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night, **For His mercy endures forever.**
- ¹⁰ To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹¹ And brought out Israel from among them, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹² With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹³ To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹⁴ And made Israel pass through the midst of it, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹⁵ But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹⁶ To Him who led His people through the wilderness, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹⁷ To Him who struck down great kings, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ¹⁸ And slew famous kings, **For His mercy endures forever—**
- ¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ²⁰ And Og king of Bashan, **For His mercy endures forever—**
- ²¹ And gave their land as a heritage, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ²² A heritage to Israel His servant, **For His mercy endures forever.**
- ²³ Who remembered us in our lowly state, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ²⁴ And rescued us from our enemies, **For His mercy endures forever;**
- ²⁵ Who gives food to all flesh, **For His mercy endures forever.**
- ²⁶ Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! **For His mercy endures forever.**

Conclusion: Notice how the phrase “for His mercy endures forever” appears 26 times. Do you get the point? Giving thanks shows appreciation for the gift and the giver. A thankless heart is senseless and foolish (**Romans 1:21**). We need to thank God, through Christ, for all our abundant blessings because “every good gift” is from the Father (**James 1:17, Colossians 1:3**). His mercy, loving kindness, and loyalty knows no limit! How can you reveal to God that you are thankful? How will you celebrate Him this Thanksgiving?