

ENDURING LOVE

Psalm 136

Tonight we'll consider our consistent God

I. A CALL TO PRAISE (1-4)

- The great "hallel"

A. THE APPEAL (1a)

1. "Give thanks" > Note too vs. 2, 3 & 26
2. Here is a plea for thanksgiving participants > Come and give thanks

B. THE ACKNOWLEDGED (1-3 ...)

1. His Names (1-3)
2. His Nature: "To Him who ..." (4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 16)

C. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT (1b)

1. For He is good!
2. We do not praise Him because He does good; but because He is good

D. THE ATTRIBUTE (1-26)

- *for His mercy endures forever*

1. His mercy (chesed)
- Loyal, faithful and enduring love.
2. Endures forever
3. A sweet refrain amid a variety of situations

E. THE ACTION (4)

1. Praise to Him who alone does great wonders
2. The things He does are difficult, extraordinary, marvelous
3. He alone can do these things – they are unique, exclusive, distinguishing acts

II. THE WONDERS WE PRAISE (5-25)

A. GOD'S CREATION (5-9)

1. The Record
 - a. With skill He made the heavens (5)
 - b. He spread out the earth above the water (6)
 - c. He made the great lights (7-9)

Over please >

2. The Reality

- a. There is an unbroken rhythm in creation
- b. Dependable seasons, sunsets and tides
- c. The predictability of these events points to a producer who is faithful
 - Application: Next time you note the predicted time of sunrise or sunset, recall a faithful God and give thanks!

B. GOD'S CONTROL (10-22)

1. Deliverance (10-15) > He brought them
 - a. Out of Egypt (10-11)
 - b. Through the Red Sea (12-14)
 - c. Into the Red Sea (15)
2. Direction (16-20) > He led them ...
 - a. Through the wilderness (16)
 - b. Through the wicked (17-20)
3. Possession (21-22) > He gave them

C. GOD'S CONCERN (23-25)

1. He Remembered (23)
2. He Rescued (24)
3. He Refreshes (25)
 - Giving food to all flesh – even animals and bugs!

CONCLUSION:

**Here we have a glimpse of God's divine constancy from creation
to our most recent meal!**

- His mercy has endured and is enduring!

GIVE THANKS! (26)

- See also Hebrews 13:15