

Psalm 136

Thanks for the LORD'S Goodness to Israel.

Review

Covenant

- a binding agreement between two parties
- a relationship
- Could be conditional or unconditional
- Jesus brought in a new covenant

Psalm 118:1 and 29 – beginning and ending

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Hesed

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting

for his **steadfast love** endures forever (ESV)

His **love** endures forever (NIV)

for his **mercy** endureth for ever (KJV)

His **faithful love** endures forever (NLT)

God's covental love towards us.

The Great Hallel

Psalms 136

- sung, recited, meditated on for centuries
- at the tabernacle, after the Ark of the Covenant had been brought back
- at the temple dedication
- when the foundation was laid for second temple
- at the Passover meal before Jesus was crucified
- during their Passover Seder



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Thanks for the LORD'S Goodness to Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 136:4-9

To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
To Him who made the heavens with skill,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
To Him who spread out the earth above the
waters,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
To Him who made the great lights,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
The sun to rule by day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 136:10-15

To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And brought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red
Sea,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
To Him who smote great kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And slew mighty kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And Og, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And gave their land as a heritage,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
Even a heritage to Israel His servant,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 136:23-25

Who remembered us in our low estate,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
And has rescued us from our adversaries,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
Who gives food to all flesh,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Mary's Low (Humble) Estate

And Mary said:

“My soul exalts the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
“For He has had regard for the humble state of His
bondslave;
For behold, from this time on all generations
will count me blessed.
“For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
And holy is His name.
“AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER
GENERATION
TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

Luke 1:46-50

Psalm 136:26

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

People here at Bible Fellowship Assembly...
If you only remember one thing today,

**Give thanks (and praise) the LORD,
for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.**

Fact, Faith, Feeling



Fact

Faith

Feeling



**Truths about
God,
Jesus**

**Fuel
Saviour & Lord
Treasured
Active Faith**

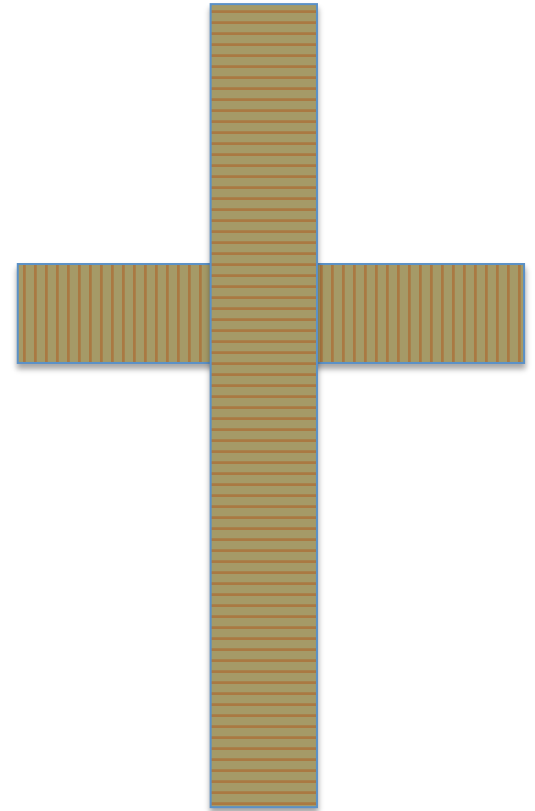
**Demonstrate change
Motivate us
need to be addressed
Check against facts**

Difficult Circumstances

- help rescue/restore us
- God cares and understands suffering
- Jesus suffered on our behalf

About the ninth hour Jesus
cried out with a loud voice,
saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA
SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY
GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE
YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

Matt 27:46



Walking with God...

“Over the years, I also came to realize that adversity did not merely lead people to believe in God’s existence. It pulled those who already believed into a deeper experience of God’s reality, love, and grace. One of the main ways we move from abstract knowledge about God to a personal encounter with Him as the living reality is through the furnace of affliction. As C.S. Lewis famously put it, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain.”

Timothy Keller

Walking with God through Pain and Suffering

God With Us

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

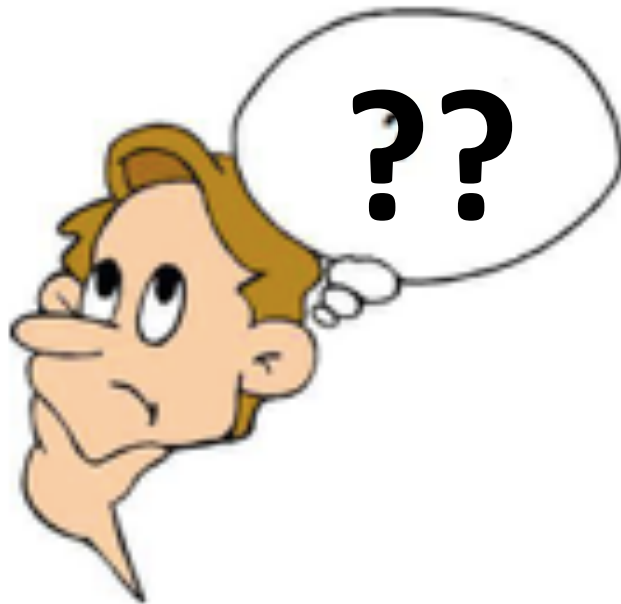
**God is in control
even when our
circumstances say otherwise**

Repetition in the Psalms

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good
For His lovingkindness is everlasting

God rescued His people,
Provided for tme,
How He cares about them
People kept turning away from God

Another Train Analogy



Thanks to the McNulty Family

N But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.



Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written,

“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING ‘
PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP
TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39.