GOD'S GOODNESS

Psalm 136:1-26

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- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (v.1)
- This psalm starts off with "thanks", proclaims God is "good", and tells His "love endures love."
- Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.
- Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. (v.2-3)
- As God of gods, and Lord of lords, He is above everyone & everything!!

- to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. (v.4)
- We can be in awe of man's achievements but they are nothing compared to God's wonders!!
- While man is awed at mankind walking on the moon, God looks down and says, "I created the man and the moon."

- who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever.
- who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.
- who made the great lights— His love endures forever.
- the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever.
- the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever. (v.5-9)
- Only God's understanding and wisdom could orchestrate the creation of the heavens and universes!!

- to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt His love endures forever. (v.10)
- Pharaoh had killed the first-born of Israel. God had warned, warned, and warned but finally He killed.
- God never "murders" but He will "kill" after giving profound warnings!!

- and brought Israel out from among them His love endures forever.
- with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever. (v.11-12)
- What a joyous day when God did the impossible and delivered Israel from Egypt.
 "We shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

- to him who divided the Red Sea asunder His love endures forever.
- and brought Israel through the midst of it, His love endures forever.
- but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures forever. (v.13-15)
- God delivered Israel from Egypt and destroyed their enemies!!

- to him who led his people through the desert, His love endures forever. (v.16)
- God brought them through the desert and their shoes did not wear out!!! Miracle upon miracle in the desert – manna from heaven, water from a stone, quail for meat, etc.

- who struck down great kings, His love endures forever.
- and killed mighty kings— His love endures forever.
- Sihon king of the Amorites His love endures forever.
- and Og king of Bashan— His love endures forever. (v.17-20)
- God defeated Israel's enemies and He will conquer ours!

- and gave their land as an inheritance, His love endures forever.
- an inheritance to his servant Israel; His love endures forever. (v.21-22)
- God gave Israel their inheritance and we will receive ours when Christ returns!!

- to the One who remembered us in our low estate - His love endures forever.
- and freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever.
- and who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. (v.23-25)
- God never forgets His children, sets His people free from their enemies, and provides their needs!

- Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. (v.26)
- Our response is continual ------

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

LET'S PRAY:

The Goodness of God Is part of His character – (Psalm 25:8; Nahum 1:7; Matthew 19:17).

The Goodness of God is Declared to be:

- Great. (Nehemiah 9:35; Zechariah 9:17).
- Rich. (Psalms 104:24; Romans 2:4).
- Abundant. (Exodus 34:6; Psalms 33:5).
- Satisfying. (Psalms 65:4; Jeremiah 31:12,14).
- Enduring. (Psalms 23:6; 52:1).
- Universal. (Psalms 145:9; Matthew 5:45).

The Goodness of God is Manifested (Shown):

- To his Church. (Psalms 31:19; Lamentations 3:25).
- In doing good. (Psalms 119:68; 145:9).
- In supplying temporal wants. (Acts 14:17).
- In providing for the poor. (Psalms 68:10).

The Goodness of God is Manifested (Shown):

- In forgiving sins. (2 Chronicles 30:18; Psalms 86:5).
- Leads to repentance. (Romans 2:4).
- Recognize, in his dealings. (Ezra 8:18;
 Nehemiah 2:18).
- Pray for the manifestation of. –
 (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

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