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Give Thanks to the Lord

Psalm 136
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I. Give Thanks to the Lord for Who He Is (vv. 1-3)

- A. The Lord is _____ (v. 1)
- B. The _____ of gods (v. 2)
- C. The _____ of lords (v. 3)

II. Give Thanks to the Lord for the Beauty of Creation (vv. 4-9)

- A. He does great _____ (v. 4)
- B. He Made the _____ (v. 5)
- C. He hammered out the _____ (v. 6)
- D. He created the _____ bodies (vv. 7-9)

III. Give Thanks to the Lord for Delivering Israel from Egypt (vv. 10-15)

- A. He _____ Egypt (vv. 10-12)
- B. He _____ the Red Sea (vv. 13-15)

IV. Give Thanks to the Lord for Leading Israel through the Wilderness (vv. 16-22)

- A. He led Israel through great _____ (vv. 16-18)
- B. He defeated _____, king of the Amorites (v. 19)
- C. He defeated _____, king of Bashan (v. 20)
- D. He gave Israel the _____ Land (vv. 21-22)

V. Give Thanks to the Lord for Remembering Us (vv. 23-26)

- A. Thank God He _____ you (v. 23)
- B. Thank God He _____ you (v. 24)
- C. Thank God He _____ for you (v. 25)
- D. Thanks be to the _____ of Heaven (v. 26)

TAKE HOME

- This Thanksgiving can you give _____ for who God is and for what He has done?
- This Thanksgiving can you give thanks for the rich history of who God _____ His people from bondage and brought them to the Promise Land?
- This Thanksgiving can you give thanks for how God has _____ you and rescued you from a life of sin?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Psalm 136:1-3. What are the three names of God given here and what does each name mean? How does this help us better understand the meaning of “the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever?”

2. Read Psalm 136:4-9. Consider also Ps. 8:1, 3-4; 24:1-2; and Jer. 32:17. Why is it important that we give thanks to God for the beauty of creation? How do we do this?

3. Read Psalm 136:10-15. Which part of the exodus is your favorite part? Why? Which part of the exodus reminds you the most of your deliverance from sin? Why?

4. Read Psalm 136:16-22. What were some of the oppositions that Israel had to face in the wilderness? Look at Num. 21:21-25 and Num. 21:33-35. What is significant about these victories?

5. Read Gen. 15:13-18 and Josh. 21:43-45. What do these verses teach us about God’s promise and fulfillment of that promise? What does this teach us about God?

6. Read Psalm 136:23-26. Are you glad that God remembered you? What do you think about the fact that Jesus sang this hymn on the evening of the Passover just before He was crucified? (Matt. 26:30)

7. Read Ex. 20:8; Jer. 31:20; Ps. 20:3; 1 Sam. 1:19-20; and Gal. 2:10. What do each of these passages teach us about how God remembers?

8. Which one of the take home questions challenges you or encourages you the most? How can this Psalm help you be more thankful this Thanksgiving?

“It was such a cheerful note in his ears when he struck upon mercy, that, like a bird that is taught to pipe, when he had sung it, he sang it again, and when he had sung it again, he recorded it again, and made it the burden of his song: ‘For his mercy endureth for ever.’ Like a nightingale which, when she is in a pleasant vein, quavers and capers, and trebles upon it, so did David upon his mercy: ‘For his mercy endureth for ever.’ ”

- Charles H. Spurgeon in *The Treasury of David*