

## “Give Thanks to God for His Mighty Acts of Love” Psalm 136

### Introduction and Context:

**We know not by whom this Psalm was written, but we do know that it was sung in Solomon's temple (2Ch 7:3,6), and by the armies of Jehoshaphat when they sang themselves into victory in the wilderness of Tekoa.** From the striking form of it we should infer that it was a popular hymn among the Lord's ancient people. Most hymns with a solid, simple chorus become favorites with congregations, and this is sure to have been one of the best beloved. **It contains nothing but praise.** It is tuned to rapture, and can only be fully enjoyed by a devoutly grateful heart.

It commences with a threefold praise to the *Triune Lord* (Ps 136:1-3), then it gives us six notes of praise to *the Creator* (Ps 136:4-9), six more upon *deliverance from Egypt* (Ps 136:10-15), and seven upon *the journey through the wilderness and the entrance into Canaan*. Then we have two happy verses of *personal gratitude for present mercy* (Ps 136:23-24), one (Ps 136:25) to tell of the Lord's universal providence, and a closing verse to excite to *never ending praise*.>

### Grey's Outline:

1. Give Thanks for God's Mighty Acts: 1-4
2. Give Thanks for God's Act of Creation: 5-9
3. Give Thanks for God's Act of Deliverance: 10-15
4. Give Thanks for God's Act of Guidance: 16-25
5. Give Thanks v.26

Hebrew: His Love endures forever: ***Endures is not in the text.***  
Lovingkindness is ***hesed***.

### Ps 136:1

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

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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His love is eternal.

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**Ps 136:1**

Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; for his  
lovingkindness (endureth) forever.

ASV

**Ps 135:20**

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy  
endureth for ever.

KJV