



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Title: Great Praise for a Great God

Series: Single Sermon

Passage: Psalm 136

Big Idea: Give thanks and praise to God as you remember that his steadfast love endures forever.

1. **Give thanks and praise that God's steadfast love endures forever in his**
_____ (v4-9)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

2. **Give thanks and praise that God's steadfast love endures forever in his**
_____ (v10-22)

But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So, I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. Exodus 3:19-20

- I. Repentance: Suffering is a call for us and others to turn from treasuring anything on earth above God. (Luke 13:4-5)
- II. Reliance: Suffering is a call to trust God and not the life-sustaining props of this world. (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)
- III. Righteousness: Suffering is the discipline of our heavenly Father so that we come to share his righteousness and holiness (Hebrews 12:6, 10-11).
- IV. Reward: Suffering is working for us a great reward in heaven that will make up for every loss here a thousandfold (2 Corinthians 4:17).
- V. Reminder: Suffering reminds us that God sent his Son into the world to suffer so that our suffering would not be God's condemnation but his purification. (Philippians 3:10).

3. **Give thanks and praise that God's steadfast love endures forever in his**
_____ (v23-26)

- i. God is faithful – He remembers us
- ii. God is strong – He rescues us
- iii. God is with us – He revives us

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:32-33

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Think back over this past week, which list of words describes how you were thinking and feeling?
 - i. Displeased, sad, annoyed, unhappy, unsatisfied, joyless, grumpy
 - ii. Pleased, glad, delighted, happy, satisfied, joyful, thankful, grateful
2. Would you agree with the statement “You can’t be grumpy and grateful at the same time”?
3. Psalm 136 in Jewish tradition is called the “Great Halal” – (The Great Praise). Read Psalm 136: 1-3, 26.
 - a. What is the psalmist giving to God?
 - b. Why is the psalmist giving this to God? (hint: it is repeated 26 times in the psalm)
 - c. What are the different names or characteristics of God in these verses?
4. Read Psalm 136:4-9, Genesis 1:1-31. Make a list of all the things that God created.
5. What things in God’s creation do you find the most amazing?
6. Read Psalm 136:10-22, Deuteronomy 5:25, 9:29, Numbers 21:21-35. What did God do for his people?
7. A good God protected and provided for his people by having their enemies taken out. We often celebrate when this good God fights evil causing them to suffer. But what happens when we suffer ourselves? Can you still say that God is good in your hardship and suffering?

8. See John Piper's 5 macro reasons for suffering, read them along with the passages of Scripture from each reason. When you look back to areas in your own life can you relate one or more of these reasons to your situation? Explain.

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9. Read Psalm 136:23-26.

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Which of these truths do you need to hear today. How can your small group pray for you?

10. God's steadfast love endures forever. How can you show this love of God to others this week?

PRAYER POINTS (based on Psalm 136)

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

- God is good Ps 136:1
- God is the God of Gods, the Lord of lords, the God of heaven Ps 136:2-3, 26.
- God is our creator Ps 136:4-9
- God is our protector Ps 136:10-22
- God is our provider Ps 136:23-26

REVERENCE

- Lord, we worship you because ...
- God, I praise and thank you that your steadfast love endures forever
- God, I praise and thank you for your creation
- God, I praise and thank you for your protection
- God, I praise and thank you for your provision
- God, thank you that you have rescued us from our low estate

RESPONSE

- Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.
- Lord, I confess that I have not always been grateful.
- Lord, I confess that I don't always trust that you protect me.
- Lord, I confess that I don't always thank you for your provision.

REQUEST

- Lord, show me your steadfast love that endures forever.
- Lord, I need you to help me believe that you protect and provide for me even when life is hard.
- Lord, help me to remember your past faithfulness to me and trust that you will be faithful in the future.
- Lord Help me to be grateful and not grumpy as I remember your steadfast love that endures forever.

READINESS

- Lord, would I live today grateful no matter what this life brings.
- Lord, I am ready to reflect your steadfast love to others.
- Lord, I desire to live a thankful life without being grumpy remembering your goodness.