

Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good! For his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so whom he has redeemed for the hand of the enemy, and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

The psalmist gives us two reasons to give thanks to the Lord. 1. He is good. 2. His mercy endures forever.

The Hebrew word for thanks in verse one is yadah. Yadah means to use or hold out the hand; especially to revere or worship with extended hands. Verse one could be translated this way: "Oh worship the Lord with uplifted hands because his kindness and beauty always has been and always will be."

The psalmist goes on to exhort of all the redeemed to declare that the Lord is good and his mercy endures forever when he says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..."

We probably all have heard the praise chorus "Let the redeemed of the say so (X3) I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed praise the Lord." Well, it's a cute chorus, but the scripture relays the message that the redeemed should be saying, "For the Lord is good; for his mercy endures forever."

Scripture references:

2 Chronicles 5:13-14

...indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good, for his mercy endures forever that the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priest could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of Lord filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 7:3

When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

2 Chronicles 20:21

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:4

Let those who fear the Lord now say, His mercy endures forever.