

Psalm 136:1-3

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever. NKJV

Thanks:

Yadah-to use (i.e. hold out) the hand; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands)

Lord: (verse 1)

Yehovah-(the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God

Good:

Towb-good in the widest sense; (good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women), also as an adverb (well)

Mercy:

Checed-kindness; by implication (towards God) piety: rarely (by opposition) reproof, or (subject.) beauty

Forever:

ʿowlam-concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequently, adverbial (especially with prepositional prefix) always

God & gods:

'elohiym-gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative

Lord: (verse 3)

'adown-from an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller (human or divine)

lords:

sar-a head person (of any rank or class)

In Psalm 136 the psalmist gives thanks to God 26 times for “His mercy endures forever!” His thanksgiving is directed to who God is as well to what He has done. In verses 1-3 he gives thanks to Yehovah: the self-existent eternal one, Elohiym; the supreme God, and the Lord as sovereign and controller. In verses 4-25 he gives thanks to God for what He has done.

Scripture references:

Psalm 92:1

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Psalm 105:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

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 118:29

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

Psalm 136:26

Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

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