

Psalm 136 - The God of Unending Mercy.

- Theme: God's unending mercy shows throughout His dealings with man.

I. God is Our Sovereign - 136:1-3.

- A. God is unparalleled - He is God of gods. Deuteronomy 10:17.
- B. God is unchanging - His mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) endures forever. James 1:17.

II. God is Our Creator - 136:4-9.

- A. Creation testifies God's power. Psalm 19:1.
- B. Creation testifies God's mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion). Psalm 104:24.

III. God is Our Deliverer - 136:10-15.

- A. God's plan is that He does all the work in delivering His people. Exodus 6:6.
- B. God's purpose is to show that His mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) endures forever. Micah 7:18.

IV. God is Our Protector - 136:16-20.

- A. God is faithful to guard that which is precious to Him. Psalm 103:13-14.
- B. God's mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) is seen through His faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-24.

V. God is Our Provider - 136:21-25.

- A. God will provide all that we need. Philippians 4:19.
- B. God's mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) is still available despite of our rebellion - 136:23, 24.

- Conclusion (136:26) - Give thanks to the God of heaven who is eternally merciful to you. Psalm 103.

Questions for Thought and Discussion.

1. From this message, what is the truth from God's Word that stuck out the most to you?
2. Explain the significance of the repetitious phrase, "For His mercy endures forever" as historical phrases prompt it.
3. How does God's mercy enduring forever relate to Him being the Creator of the world?
4. Explain the progression from God being our Deliver to our Protector and then Provider. What would God be like if one of these traits were missing from His character?
5. Imagine our God without His mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) enduring forever! How would we go through life and how would God deal differently with us?
6. What leads a person to think that God's mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion), does not really last forever?
7. Why is it important to be intentional and specific about remembering the goodness of God and praising Him for His specific acts of mercy?
8. How can a person develop a consistent pattern of remembering the goodness of God and praising Him for who He is and what He has done?
9. In what specific ways does Psalm 103 compliment Psalm 136?
10. As we prepare for the times ahead of us, what can we anticipate about the mercy (lovingkindness, graciousness, compassion) of God?

Thoughts for Prayer.

1. Thank God for who He is and proves Himself to be.
2. Ask God for clarity to see His providential hand at work in your life.
3. Pray that we at Grace would look for opportunities to thank God for His goodness, encourage one another to be comforted in God's care, and for strength to live as a testimony of His graciousness.