

GOD'S NATURE IS STEADFAST LOVE

PSALM 136:1-26

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MAIN POINT

God's steadfast love endures forever.

INTRODUCTION

In your job, what are some things that distract you and keep you from getting your work done?

What do you do to help yourself concentrate and stay motivated to finish the task at hand?

What about in your relationship with the Lord? What are some things that distract you from focusing on who He is and the reasons you have to be thankful?

UNDERSTANDING

> READ PSALM 136:1-9 (ESV).

Do you ever pray prayers like this psalm? Do you ever stop to thank God for who He is and what He is doing without presenting requests?

What three things do we see about God in the first three verses?

What does it mean for God to be God of gods? How does Jesus fulfill all these titles?

The psalmist repeated "His steadfast love endures forever" in every verse. Does this seem redundant to you or appropriate? Explain.

What do these nine verses describe that we should be thankful for?

> READ PSALM 136:10-22 (ESV).

What specific events from Israel's history are outlined in these verses?

How might remembering these events have helped Israel to be thankful? How might it help us today?

Why is it important to remember God's faithfulness in the past?

Are there events in your own past that you try to remember often in order to be reminded of God's faithfulness?

> READ PSALM 136:23-26 (ESV).

In these verses, what did the psalmist give thanks for?

In what ways had God remembered Israel in her low estate?

Read Romans 5:6-8. How has God remembered us in our own weakness?

APPLICATION

Who is someone you know that you would say seems to be spiritually undistracted, focused on God's everlasting love and always thankful? What about that person makes you say that?

When is it the hardest for you to remember God's love and to praise Him? How does this psalm challenge or encourage you about that?

What arguments do many people have against the statement: "God's steadfast love endures forever"? How can you help someone whose earthly relationships have demonstrated a very different kind of "love"—one that is conditional and does not last—know who God is?

What are some practical ways you can daily remember to thank God for His past, present, and future blessings? How can you use Psalm 136 in your prayer life this week?

PRAY

Thank God for His everlasting love, shown most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus. Praise Him for sending Jesus to save you from your sins and to be the Lord of your lives. Ask that no matter what troubles or distractions come your way, that God would allow you to clearly see and live according to His enduring love.

MEMORIZE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." —Psalm 136:1