

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

October 16, 2016

Oakbrook Community Church

Psalm 136

Pastor Mark W. Turner

The Call to Give Thanks! 1-3

- He is Good. God defines goodness!
- He is God of Gods & Lord of Lords
God Choose His Own in love: Deut 10:15-17; 1 John 3:16

Reasons to Give Thanks 4-25

- God's Goodness in Creation 4-9
Genesis 1:4,10,12,18,21,25; Prov 3:19; Psalm 33:8-9
- God's Goodness in Saving His people 10-24
 - A. God's Saving Love is Particular (specific)
v10 – 1 Peter 2:9
 - B. God's Love Requires the Judgment of the Wicked
V17-22 – 1 Jn 4:8 "God is Love" doesn't mean He won't judge
God judges for His glory: Romans 9:22-23
 - C. To Appreciate God's Love, you must be brought low (humble)
We don't deserve God's love. Picture of Ezekiel 16:2-6ff
We were bust (Eph 2:1-3); God showed us mercy (Eph 2:4-6)
May we be like the sinful woman in Luke 7:44-48!
- God Goodness to His Creatures 25
God sustains and provides for all flesh. Let us never fail to thank Him!
Romans 1:21,24,26,28 shows us what happens when we do!

A Final Call to Give Thanks! 26

God's "hesed" - covenant love endures forever! That is the best reason to give thanks!

To Think About & Discuss:

- Do we have to submit ourselves to God's sovereignty to be able to give thanks in the midst of trials? Why or why not?
- Does the doctrine of election deny the truth of God's love as some would say? Why not? What scriptures would you use?
- V4-9 echo the six day Creation account of Genesis. What problems arise with this Psalm if we resort to 'theistic evolution' or the like?
- How does God's steadfast love affect your DAILY giving of thanks? How do others see that in your life? Do you need to make changes?

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