

# O Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Psalm 136:1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for **he is good:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the **God of gods:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the **Lord of lords:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him **who alone doeth great wonders:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him **that by wisdom made the heavens:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him **that stretched out the earth above the waters:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 To him **that made great lights:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 **The sun** to rule by day:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 **The moon and stars** to rule by night:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 To him **that smote Egypt in their firstborn:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**11** And brought out Israel from among them:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**12** With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

**13** To him **which divided the Red sea into parts:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**14** And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**15** But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

**16** To him **which led his people through the wilderness:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

**17** To him **which smote great kings:**

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**18** And slew famous kings:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**19** Sihon king of the Amorites:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**20** And Og the king of Bashan:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

**21** And gave their land for an heritage:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

1. He uses repetition to make sure you learn a basic but very important truth.

a. The phrase *For his mercy endureth for ever.* Is used 26 times in this chapter.

b. There are 378 words in this psalm of which 156 are the exact same words

c. That is 41% of the words are the same in this song, psalm

2. The psalm begins and ends by saying that we are to give thanks to the Lord **Psalm 136:1 O give thanks unto the**

Lord; for **he is good:** For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

- a. I think this psalm is a good example of how to give thanks
- b. It was obviously something that took great thought
- c. He didn't mind repeating what he thought to God
- d. He emphasized important truths that he should remember as well as those he led in worship

3. We thank God because He is good Psalm 136:1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for **he is good:** For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

- a. He doesn't want there to be any confusion about who he is thanking, the God of gods and Lord of lords
- b. He is a God that does great wonders, things beyond our imagination 4 To him **who alone doeth great wonders:** For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

- c. He makes sure to tell us of many of the good things that God has done for His people
4. He thanks and praises God for being the Creator
  - a. **made the heavens:**
  - b. **stretched out the earth above the waters:**
  - c. **that made great lights:**
    - i. **The sun**
    - ii. **The moon and stars**
5. He thanks God for delivering them from slavery and giving them the promised land
6. He thanks God for the direction that He has given them in their lives
7. He thanks God for protecting and providing for them