

A HYMN OF THANKS FOR GOD'S ENDURING LOVE

Psalm 136:1–26

Sometimes it's hard to say "thank you." Perhaps it's because we're embarrassed to admit our dependance and neediness. Maybe we simply get distracted and forget to express the appropriate appreciation. It could be that we don't say "thank you" because we fail to understand the effort that was involved in the care we received. Maybe we assume that saying it too much dampens the authenticity of our thanks. Or perhaps it's because we have bitterness in our hearts toward the person that served us. Interestingly, those same reasons can also create barriers to expressing our gratitude to God—we don't want to admit we need him as much as we do, we get preoccupied with life, we don't comprehend the extent of his care, we want to avoid mindless repetition, or we are angry because we think he has failed us in the past. Sometimes it's hard to say "thank you" to God but Psalm 136 is going to make it easier.

The OBJECT of Thanksgiving

vv. 1–3; Col 3:17

The REASON for Thanksgiving

vv. 1–26
1 Cor 13:4–8; 1 John 4:7–10

The EXAMPLES for Thanksgiving

The creation of the world

vv. 4–9; Ps 19:1

The exodus from Egypt

vv. 10–15

The care for Israel

vv. 16–25

The CALL to Thanksgiving

v. 26

THE PSALMS: SONGS *FROM* GOD AND *TO* GOD

Oakridge Bible Chapel

Winter/Spring 2024

January 7	A Psalm of Personal Lamentation (3:1–8)
January 14	A Psalm of Divine Protection (27:1–14)
January 21	A Psalm of Humble Thanksgiving (30:1–12)
January 28	A Psalm of Messianic Expectation (45:1–17)
February 4	A Psalm of Desperate Repentance (51:1–19)
February 18	A Psalm of Communal Restoration (85:1–13)
February 25	A Psalm of Celebratory Anticipation (96:1–13)
March 3	A Psalm of Messianic Instalment (110:1–7)
March 10	A Psalm of Eternal Praise (111:1–10)
March 17	A Psalm of God’s Wisdom (119:1–8)
April 7	A Psalm of Desired Peace (122:1–9)
April 14	A Psalm of Communal Thanksgiving (136:1–26)
April 21	A Psalm of Covenantal Cursing (137:1–7)
May 5	A Psalm of Lifelong Worship (146:1–10)