

Thanks for Enduring Mercy

Oh, give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His mercy endures forever.—Psalm 136:1

I trust you had a blessed Thanksgiving. I spent it with people who I love and we were able to celebrate the goodness of God. Truly God is good and one of the ways we know God is good is that His mercy endures forever. A Bible Dictionary describes mercy as a quality of God that involves compassion and love. It does not just involve the feelings or emotions but includes tangible acts.

Charles Hodge says that “mercy is kindness exercised toward the miserable, and includes pity, compassion, forbearance, and gentleness, which the Scriptures so abundantly ascribe to God.”

Psalm 136 is truly a Thanksgiving Psalm. All twenty-six verses express thanksgiving to God for various attributes and actions of the Almighty. Each verse concludes with “For His mercy endures forever.”

David Jeremiah reminds us, “All God does –whether it seems to be a display of power or justice, severity or wrath—is actually a display of His mercy.” In this psalm, God’s love provides the foundation for all praise and worship.

I am thankful that all God’s love and compassion was not reserved for those who knew and followed Jesus during His life time. His mercy extends from Adam and Eve into eternity. It does not change. God does not withhold His mercy from us but daily grants us His kindness and goodness. Praise God, *His mercy endures forever.*