



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3  
NRSV

## “Thanks”

November 8, 2019

### Context of Psalm 136

This psalm is characterized by repetition and response.

Verse 1 is \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Old Testament.

Repetition and response help us \_\_\_\_\_.

Repetition and response help us stay \_\_\_\_\_. Worship isn't a show!

Psalm 136 starts off extremely broad, then \_\_\_\_\_ as we go deeper into it.

### Content of Psalm 136

#### Character of God (verses 1-3)

With resounding confidence, we can say, “God is \_\_\_\_\_!”

Our gratitude is grounded, not in our \_\_\_\_\_, but in the character of God who is good.

We can give thanks to God forever because God's love endures forever.

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#### Creation (verses 4-9)

The wonder of \_\_\_\_\_ led them to give thanks to the Creator.

God is good. God called creation “\_\_\_\_\_.” So we give thanks.

#### Community, and the Community's Story (verses 10-22)

God's love cannot be beat or \_\_\_\_\_. That's essential to who they were, and who we are today, as a community.

God's love \_\_\_\_\_ every part of their story, and so they gave thanks!

#### Care for Daily Needs (verses 23-25)

Yes, we thank God for His good character, for creation, for community, but we also thank God for our daily, basic needs that are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Give Thanks! (verse 26)

Psalm 136 begins with thanks to God, shares great \_\_\_\_\_ as to why we give thanks to God, and ends in thanks to God.

### Biblical Thanksgiving

- 1) Giving thanks is a form of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Giving thanks is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) We give thanks \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Giving thanks spills into our \_\_\_\_\_.