PSALMS 116-118

REVIEW…

- **Psalm**
  Hallel
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113 – Egyptian

- **Psalms**

113-118 -
are known as the Egyptian Hallel Psalms - they remember the Passover…
begin with the command for to PRAISE the Lord…

- Because

is no one like God one HIGHER than is…
He humbled himself and came to earth – Jesus – redeem us!

114 – Called Out
was called out of – so they could be and governed by God…
RESULT - they saw part oceans and – even Mountains trebled in His presence!

115 – Comparing

Psalms
115-118 were after the meal – we would call the supper…
would have been PSALM that Jesus after the first COMMUNION…

- When we went out from the Upper Room – to the Garden of Gethsemane - **Mark 14:26**
- As Jesus was betrayed and crucified – the nations asked where was our God…
- The answer – our God is in control [heaven] – and He does whatever He pleases…
- In contrast the gods of the nations are statues – that have NO life!

Psalm 116 – Thankful to God

- **1st – Day of trouble… vs. 1-7**
  - 1st – Introduction…
    - **Psalms 113-118 - are** known as the Egyptian Hallel Psalms…
    - They remember the Passover – and the deliverance of Israel from Egypt…
    - These psalms are sung every year to this day as part of the Passover ceremony…
    - **Psalms 113-114** are sung before the meal - and **Psalms 115-118** after the meal!
    - Meaning this would have been a PSALM that Jesus sang after the first COMMUNION…
    - When we went out from the Upper Room – to the Garden of Gethsemane!
    - **Mark 14:26 –** "When they had sung a hymn - they went out to the Mount of Olives."
  - 2nd – God hears… vs. 1-2
    - I love the LORD because He has heard my voice and my supplications.
    - Because He has inclined His ear to me. Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live!
    - The reason why the author LOVED [perfect] the LORD [יְהוָה]
    - Is because the LORD always [imperfect] LISTENED to his voice…
    - At the voice of his SUPPLICATIONS - or GRACE [חָנַן] – when he cried out for GRACE…
    - Therefore – as long as he was ALIVE – he would keep calling [imperfect] out to the LORD!
    - When we cry out for GRACE – we are asking for God to give us a GIFT…
    - We do not DESERVE to be helped – but in HUMILITY we ask for HELP…
    - God is ALWAYS willing to listen to the prayer of the HUMBLE and BROKEN!
    - **James 4:6** – "God resists the proud - But gives grace to the humble."
  - 3rd – Calling upon God… vs. 3-4
    - The pains of death surrounded me - and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me.
    - I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the LORD.
    - O LORD - I implore You deliver my soul!
    - Things were NOT going well for the Author…

- Like a NOOSE – death was wrapped around him – the GRAVE [שְׁאוֹל] had a hold of him…
- Everywhere he turned – he always [imperfect] found TROUBLE…
- This caused him to call on the LORD – begging [imperative] God to deliver [piel] his SOUL!
- **Hebrews 5:7** – "While Jesus was here on earth - He offered prayers and pleadings - with a loud cry and tears - to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God."
- Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to PRAY to the Father…
- His simple request was for the LORD to take this CUP [cross] from Him…
- But in the end Jesus concluded with - NOT My will but Yours be done - **Luke 22:42**
- Jesus did not desire to suffer – He did not want to go to DIE…
- He could have walked away at any point - spared His life - avoided death…
- But Jesus was OBEDIENT to the WILL of God – and offered His life for our SINS!
- **Hebrews 12:12 -** "For the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..."
- Too often when we come to God – we try and get him to agree to OUR plans...
- Calling up on God – is NOT about getting God to do what WE want…
- Asking for GRACE – is about us coming and doing what GOD wants…
- Even if we do not LIKE it – AGREE with it – we TRUST that God knows BEST!

○ 4th – Rest from God… vs. 5-7

- Gracious is the LORD - and righteous. Yes - our God is merciful.
- The LORD preserves the simple. I was brought low - and He saved me.
- Return to your rest - O my soul - for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you!
- God is RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק] – which means He has to JUDGE sin – **II Peter 2:9**
- But God is also MERCIFUL [רָחַם] – which means He does not JUDGE immediately…
- He will PROTECT those who are OPEN [simple] – willing to LEARN…
- By HUMBLING them – so that He can SAVE them from their SIN!
- God is GRACIOUS [חָנַן] – He gives us what we do NOT deserve – FORGIVENESS…
- Therefore – even when life is not going well – when things are falling apart…
- No matter how CRAZY life gets [crucified] – we have NOTHING to worry about…
- We can say to our soul – REST [imperative] – for the LORD will REWARD you!

- **2ND – DAY OF SALVATION… VS. 8-19**
  - 1st – Delivered by God… vs. 8-11
    - The Resurrection… vs. 8-9
      - For You have delivered my soul from death. My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
      - I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
      - Keep in mind this is what Jesus is singing on the way to Gethsemane…
      - God DELIVERED [piel] – so My SOUL [נֶפֶשׁ] did not DIE [note it does NOT say the body]
      - His eyes no longer had TEARS – because He could STAND strong [no fall]
      - Knowing in the END – Jesus would walk in the LAND of the LIVING – the RESURRECTION!
    - Doubting… vs. 10-11
      - I believed - therefore I spoke - I am greatly afflicted. I said in my haste - All men are liars!
      - The Author learned [hiphil] to TRUST [אָמַן] through seeing this GREAT [מְאֹד] hardships…
      - He was too quick to JUDGE other men – calling ALL [כָּל] men [אָדָם] LIARS!
      - It was NOT Jewish priest or Roman soldiers who put Jesus on the cross..
      - It was the purpose and plan of God – to open the door for all men to be SAVED!
      - We are often QUICK to JUDGE others – those who have wronged us…
      - But we FORGET that everything has to first pass through the hands of the Father…
      - And He allows our TRIALS – so we LEARN to put our TRUST in Him!
  - 2nd – Thankful to God… vs. 12-14
    - What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me.
    - I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.
    - I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people!
    - WHAT – should we GIVE [hiphil] to the LORD knowing what He did for us…
    - We TAKE the cup of JESUS [יְשׁוּעָה] – and call upon His name – **Acts 4:12**
    - What is the CUP of Jesus – the CROSS – **Luke 22:20**
    - Then all of my PROMISES to the LORD will I be able to PAY [שָׁלַם] – to be at PEACE!
    - When James and John asked to sit at the RIGHT and LEFT hand of Jesus…
    - He asked them if they were able to drink from His CUP [death]
    - **Matthew 20:22** – "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink."
    - In light of the incredible GIFT of salvation – Jesus paying all our sin DEBT…
    - What does God ask from us – what do we GIVE to Him…
    - The ONLY thing the LORD wants from us – is for us to take the CUP…
    - We are called to take up our CROSS – deny ourselves – and give live our lives for Jesus!
    - **Luke 9:23** – "If anyone desires to come after Me - let him deny himself - and take up his cross daily - and follow Me."

- 3rd – Loved by God… vs. 15-17
  - The Servant…
    - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. O LORD - truly I am Your servant.
    - I am Your servant - the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds!
    - The lives of those the Lord LOVES [חָסָד] are precious [valuable] to Him…
    - TRULY [אָנָּא] – a compound of LOVE [אַהֲבָה] and PLEASE [נָא]
    - Because Jesus is His SERVANT – the Son of MARY [His servant]
    - Therefore God loosed His BONDS – death [prison] - could NOT hold Him…
    - And because Jesus has the VICTORY over death – so do we!
    - **I Corinthians 15:57** – "Thanks be to God - who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus."
  - The Sacrifice…
    - I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving - and will call upon the name of the LORD!
    - OFFER [זָבַח] – meaning to KILL or sacrifice…
    - We KILL our lives – our WILL – by giving PRAISE to the LORD in all things!
    - **I Thessalonians 5:18** – "In everything give thanks - for this is the will of God."
    - Knowing we have been the VICTORY through Jesus…
    - We respond by not just LIVING our lives for Him – we also give THANKS…
    - Not just when things go the way we WANT – not just when life is EASY…
    - Even when things are falling apart – even when we are getting crucified…
    - We give THANKS – knowing TRIALS are what remind us – to call on the name of the LORD!
- 4th – Vow to God… vs. 18-19
  - I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people.
  - In the courts of the house of the Lord. In the midst of you - O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!
  - Living for God should NOT be something we do privately…
  - Jesus was PUBLICLY humiliated for us – therefore we should PUBLICLY live for Him!
  - Then all of our PROMISES to the LORD - we will be able to PAY [piel] – to make at PEACE [שָׁלַם]
  - As we give THANKS in the presence of His people – in CHURCH – in the CITY [Jerusalem]
  - We do it by intensely [piel] our PRAISING [הָלַל] Our LORD [יָהּ] – abbreviation of [יְהוָה]!

Psalm 117 – Praise the LORD

- **1st – All Nations… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction…
    - There are 1189 chapters in the whole Bible [KJV]
    - Psalm 117 is the 595th chapter – making it the exact MIDDLE of the Bible…
    - It is also the SHORTEST chapter in the Psalms as well as the whole Bible – TWO verses!
    - In the HEART of the Bible we find the HEART of God…
    - He did not just want JEWS to PRAISE Him – He desires for ALL nations to come and worship!
  - 2nd – Everyone Praise… vs. 1

- Praise the LORD - all you Gentiles! Laud Him - all you peoples!
- We open up this short Psalm with a COMMAND [imperative] – to intensely [piel] PRAISE [הַלַּל]
- What is a surprise is WHO is called to PRAISE – ALL [כָּל] of the GENTILES [גּוֹיִם]
- But it was NOT just the GENTILES – it was ALL [כָּל] people [עַמִּים]
- Because heaven will be full of people from ALL nations – including the Jews!
- **Revelation 5:9** – "[You] have redeemed us… out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation!"
- There is NOT one ethnic group – or one language spoken in heaven…
- In the greatest display of the beauty of Gods creation…
- There is an amazing DIVERSITY in those who WORSHIP the LAMB…
- Whom the Lord calls from every corner of the globe – from ALL [πᾶς] families!

○ 3rd – His Love… vs. 2

- For His merciful kindness is great toward us!
  - We are given TWO reason why ALL nations are to PRAISE…
  - FIRST – because of his great LOVE [חֶסֶד] of the LORD to us…
- **I John 4:8** – "God is love!"
  - This has to be one of the MOST powerful statements in the whole Bible…
  - This is NOT saying that God is LOVING – or that He LOVES us…
  - This is STATING that the DEFINITION of LOVE – is God!
  - If you wanted to describe the word ORANGE to someone – how would you do it…
  - You could TRY to describe it as WARM – or BRIGHT…
  - But the best way would be to show someone an ORANGE – it DEFINES the color!
  - If we want to KNOW what LOVE is – we just need to LOOK at God…
  - He is the very DEFINITION of the WORD – God is what LOVE means!
- The character of God…
  - The LOVE of God is of HUGE importance – because it is NOT the only word to DEFINE Him…
  - God is JUST – meaning He will always do what is RIGHT – **Revelation 16:7**
  - God is HOLY – meaning He will not allow SIN in His presence – **Leviticus 11:44**
  - God is SOVEREIGN – meaning His will always is accomplished – **Ephesians 1:11**
  - But if God was ONLY – JUST – HOLY – SOVEREIGN – He would be a TERRIFYING God…
  - In his JUSTICE He would cast us into HELL – because He is HOLY…
  - And in His SOVEREIGNTY – there would be nothing we could do about it…
  - But it is His LOVE – that give us HOPE – that He will give us GRACE!

○ 4th – His Truth… vs. 2

- The truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
  - SECOND – because of the TRUTH [אֱמֶת] of the LORD…
  - The word TRUTH [noun] come from the verb [אָמַן] – meaning to SUPPORT!
  - Everyone in life has a World View – what they see as the MEANING of life…

- The question that has to be asked – is if their World View is TRUE…
- Are we really here to get lots of STUFF – are we meant to be HAPPY!
- People in the world are unstable – because they do NOT have a good support…
- They are basing their lives on LIES – rather than the TRUTH!

▪ Truth never changes…

- **Isaiah 40:8** – "The grass withers - the flower fades - but the word of our God stands forever."
- The TRUTH is that this life has only ONE purpose – CHOSE our eternity…
- The TRUTH is that we are all SINNERS and deserve hell – **Romans 6:23**
- The TRUTH is that there is only ONE way to get to heaven – **Matthew 7:14**
- The TRUTH is not an idea – it is a PERSON – **John 14:6**
- And no matter what the world says – the TRUTH [Jesus] does NOT change!
- Therefore EVERYONE should say Hallelujah – PRAISE the LORD!

Psalm 118 – This is the Day

- **1st – Give Thanks… vs. 1-18**
  - 1st – Introduction…

▪ Author…

- Although there is no stated author of the Psalm - it is quoted by Ezra…
- King David is given the credit for writing the Psalm – **Ezra 3:10-11**

▪ Responsive…

- Part of the Psalm is read describing the goodness of God…
- And the people respond after the description with – His LOVE [חֶסֶד] endures forever!
- When the Second Temple was complete – after the Babylonian Captivity…
- In the midst of the worship and praise – the older men began to weep – **Ezra 3:12**
- For those who had seen the splendor of the FIRST Temple – the SECOND was a sad sight…
- But these men missed out on what God was doing – because of their EXPECTATIONS…
- They were looking BACK – rather than looking FORWARD to what God wanted to do…
- The SECOND Temple would be greater than the FIRST - one day Jesus would be there!
- **Haggai 2:9** – "'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former says the LORD."
- Often we miss the work of God in our lives – because we are caught up in the PAST…
- Or because of our EXPECTATIONS – making assumptions on what God will do…
- We need to just RESPOND to His leading – a NEW work!

  - 2nd – Mercy of the LORD… vs. 1-4

▪ The Problem…

- Give thanks to the LORD - for He is good!
- God causes [hiphil] us to GIVE [imperative] Him thanks – in TWO ways…
- FIRST - because the LORD is the definition of GOOD [טוֹב]
- When the rich man came to Jesus to ask how to get to heaven…
- He called Him GOOD teacher – but Jesus questioned the title!
- **Mark 10:18** – "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One - that is - God."
- How GOOD do we need to be to get to Heaven – what is the STANDARD…
- The answer is the definition of GOOD is God – we need to be as GOOD as Him!
- **Matthew 5:48** – "You shall be perfect - just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

▪ The Solution…

- For His mercy endures forever!
- SECOND – we give thanks because of His MERCY [חֶסֶד] – His LOVE…
- We are NOT good – which is a PROBLEM – but God has the SOLUTION!
- **John 3:16** – "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son - that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

▪ Our response…

- Let Israel now say - His mercy endures forever.
- Let the house of Aaron now say - His mercy endures forever.
- Let those who fear the LORD now say - His mercy endures forever!
- ISRAEL [יִשְׂרָאֵל] – those people who have God as their ruler [governed by God]
- House of AARON – a reference to the PRIESTS [pastors] – those who lead people spiritually…
- Those who FEAR – this would be everyone else who has WISDOM – **Psalm 111:10**
- All THREE groups are encouraged to say [jussive] the LOVE of the LORD endures forever!
- This is the same outline we saw back in - **Psalm 115:9-11**
- Where we were told to TRUST in the LORD – He is our help and shield!
- How do we KNOW we can TRUST in the LORD – because of the LOVE of the LORD…
- A LOVE that was proven in the SACRIFICE of Jesus – dying for our SINS!

○ 3rd – Help of the LORD… vs. 5-9

▪ Call on the Lord…

- I called on the LORD in distress. The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.
- David called on the LORD – only when time got HARD…
- But when He called out – the LORD answered [perfect] and set him FREE [NLT]
- The problem most people have – is they do NOT see their need for the LORD…
- Therefore - God allows things in life to fall apart – to get their attention…
- No matter what it takes – NO money – NO friends – NO health…
- And in their hour of NEED – they end up calling out to the LORD who sets them FREE!

▪ Help from the LORD…

- The LORD is on my side. I will not fear. What can man do to me?
- The LORD is for me among those who help me. I shall see my desire on those who hate me.
- It is better to trust in the LORD - than to put confidence in man.
- It is better to trust in the LORD - than to put confidence in princes!
- When David turned to the LORD – there was no more FEAR…
- Because if the LORD is the one who is HELPING – what can MEN do!
- **Romans 8:31** – "If God is for us - who can be against us."
- That is why it is BETTER to put our FAITH in the LORD…
- People – even LEADERS [pastors] will always FAIL us – but the LORD never will!

○ 4th – Strength of the LORD… vs. 10-14

▪ All nations surrounded me - but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

▪ They surrounded me. Yes they surrounded me. But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

▪ They surrounded me like bees. They were quenched like a fire of thorns.

▪ For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

▪ You pushed me violently - that I might fall - but the LORD helped me.

- The LORD is my strength and song - and He has become my salvation!
- Even if ALL [כָּל] of the NATIONS [גּוֹיִם] cane against David – they would be defeated…
- If they shrouded him like a swarm of BEES – they would still be defeated…
- Like thorns on fire that quickly burn out – they would be [hiphil] DESTROYED…
- Because – even though the violently attacked – the LORD was the one who HELPED…
- The LORD was his STRENGTH – whose name is Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה]!
- When Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land – EVERYONE was against them…
- But they had nothing to FEAR – because of who HELPED them!
- **Joshua 23:10 –** "One man of you shall chase a thousand for the LORD your God… fights for you."
- It really is not a fare fight – one man with God – is more powerful than EVERY army on earth…
- Since God is the one who HELPS us – we can be absolutely sure of the VICTORY in Jesus!

○ 5th – Right hand of the LORD… vs. 15-18

- The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous.
- The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- The right hand of the LORD is exalted. The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- I shall not die - but live - and declare the works of the LORD.
- The LORD has chastened me severely - but He has not given me over to death!
- The voice of JOY – of Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה] is heard in the HOUSES of the righteous [צַדִּיק]
- Because the RIGHT hand of the LORD is raised up – and STRONG [2x for emphasis]
- Jesus is the RIGHT hand of the Father - **Mark 16:19 – Acts 2:33 – I Peter 3:22**
- Therefore – David would NOT die – he would LIVE to tell others about the LORD…
- Yes – the LORD allowed him to go through trials [piel] – but they did NOT kill him!
- **I Corinthians 10:13** – "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful - who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able - but with the temptation will also make the way of escape - that you may be able to bear it."
- Having Jesus on our side – does NOT mean that life will be easy…
- We will still go through TRIAL – and they might even seem like they are going to KILL us…
- Because – it takes those TRIALS to make us depend on the LORD – **II Corinthians 12:9**

- **2ND – GIVE PRAISE… VS. 19-29**

- 1st – The Gate… vs. 19-21
  - Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will go through them - and I will praise the LORD.
  - This is the gate of the LORD - through which the righteous shall enter.
  - I will praise You for You have answered me - and have become my salvation!
  - OPEN [imperative] the doors to being RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
  - David was going to come through – causing [hiphil] him to PRAISE the LORD…
  - WHO is the GATE – the one who answered David – His name is Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה] – **John 10:7**
  - There are a lot of different ideas about how to get to heaven…
  - The WORLD tries to convince us – ALL doors lead to heaven…
  - Partially true – ALL doors lead to the White Throne Judgement – **Revelation 20:11**
  - Wide is the path that leads to destruction – many go in by it **- Matthew 7:13**
  - If ALL doors lead to heaven –then the Gospel is just news – not GOOD News!
  - **Galatians 2:21** – "If we could be saved [another way] - there was no need for Christ to die."
- 2nd – The Cornerstone… vs. 22-24
  - The Stone… vs. 22
    - The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
    - According to tradition – when Solomon built the first Temple…
    - The first stone sent to the building site was the chief CORNERSTONE...
    - When the workers received the STONE – they were not ready – set it aside – forgot!
    - The stone the builders rejected – became the chief CORNERSTONE!
    - The Jews rejected Jesus – because they were looking for the wrong kind of SAVIOR…
    - They wanted someone to save them from ROME not their SIN…
    - This is the MOST quoted verses from the OLD Testament [six times]
    - Jesus is the stone that the builders REFUSED – **Mark 12:10 – Acts 4:11 - I Peter 2:7**
    - There is a principal of Bible interpretation – important TRUTHS…
    - If Jesus said [Gospels] – the Disciples taught it [Acts] – and the Epistles explain it [I Peter]
    - Then what is being stated is a VERY important TRUTH in the Bible!
  - The Plan… vs. 23
    - This was the LORDs doing. It is marvelous in our eyes!
    - The CROSS was not the idea of MEN – it was the PLAN of God from the beginning!
    - When Jesus was crucified – the plan was still a MYSTERY – **I Corinthians 2:7-8**
    - But it did not stay a MYSTERY – THREE days later He rose from the grave…
    - And everyone MARVELED – because they saw the PLAN…
    - God came down to DIE – and pay our DEBT – so we could LIVE!
  - The Day… vs. 24
    - This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
    - This is a very famous verse – often sung – often quoted…

- But it is not referring to TODAY – it is talking about THE day [הַיּוֹם]
- The DAY Jesus came and died – to take away the SIN of the world…
- The DAY that all of our HOPE rests on – the DAY when the DOOR to heaven opened…
- Therefore – we will REALLY [cohortative] rejoice and be glad because of it!

- 3rd – The Salvation… vs. 25-26
  - Save now - I pray - O LORD. O LORD - I pray - send now prosperity.
  - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
  - We have blessed you from the house of the LORD!
  - I pray [אָנָּא] – a compound of LOVE [אַהֲבָה] and PLEASE [נָא]
  - LORD please LOVE us and SAVE us now [הוֹשִׁיעָה נָּא]
  - LORD please LOVE us and make us PROSPEROUS…
  - BLESSED is the one who comes [Jesus] in the name of the LORD!
  - This was the statement of the crowds on Psalm Sunday – **Matthew 21:9**
  - As Jesus came riding down the Mount of Olives on a Donkey…
  - They laid out the coats and palm branches and cried out – HOSANNA…
  - Sadly – just FOUR days later – that same crowd cried out CRUCIFY!
  - When we come to Jesus with the WRONG motives – a PROSPEROUS life…
  - Then we may well end up changing our tune from HOSANA to CRUCIFY!
- 4th – The Sacrifice… vs. 27-29
  - The Light…
    - God is the LORD and He has given us light.
    - Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar!
    - God [אֵל] – who is the LORD [יְהוָה] – has caused His LIGHT to shine on us…
    - But we demanded [imperative] to bind HIM – the LIGHT - as a sacrifice to the altar…
    - Because we did NOT want the LIGHT – so we crucified Him!
    - **John 3:19** – "This is the condemnation - that the light has come into the world - and men loved darkness rather than light."
    - Do not forget – this is the final SONG that is sung on the Passover…
    - As Jesus is coming to the Garden of Gethsemane – this is the final verse…
    - The world would reject the LIGHT – Him – and crucify Him…
    - But through their REJECTION – would come HOPE…
    - Jesus would offer Himself as a SACRIFICE – to save us all!
  - Give Thanks…
    - You are my God - and I will praise You. You are my God - I will exalt You.
    - Give thanks to the LORD - for He is good! For His mercy endures forever!
    - In the end – Jesus becomes our God – and we PRAISE and EXALT [lift up] Him…
    - Giving [imperative] THANKS to the LORD – because although He is GOOD [and we are not]

- His LOVE [חֶסֶד]- the LOVE that put Jesus on the CROSS – endures FOREVER!