

# ONE-SIDED LOVE

## *Know This Love: 4*

### Psalm 136

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods.

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>4</sup> to him who alone does great wonders,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>5</sup> who by his understanding made the heavens,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth upon the waters,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>7</sup> who made the great lights—

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>8</sup> the sun to govern the day,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to govern the night;

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>10</sup> to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>11</sup> and brought Israel out from among them

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>12</sup> with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>13</sup> to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>14</sup> and brought Israel through the midst of it,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>15</sup> but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>16</sup> to him who led his people through the wilderness;

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>17</sup> to him who struck down great kings,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>18</sup> and killed mighty kings—

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>19</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>20</sup> and Og king of Bashan—

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>21</sup> and gave their land as an inheritance,

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>22</sup> an inheritance to his servant Israel.

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>23</sup> He remembered us in our low estate

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>24</sup> and freed us from our enemies.

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>25</sup> He gives food to every creature.

*His love endures forever.*

<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven.

*His love endures forever.* NIV

## **Brief history of Israel**

Psalms 136

Ten plagues / firstborn – Exodus 4-13

Red Sea – Exodus 14

Sihon of the Amorites – Numbers 21, Deut 1

Og of Bashan – Numbers 21, Deut 1

The fuller historical background

Egyptian slavery – Exodus 1

Israelites fear pursuing army – Exodus 14:11

Water from the rock – Exodus 17

Ten Commandments – Exodus 20

Golden calf – Exodus 32, 1 Cor. 10 (3,000 died)

Exploring Canaan & rebellion – Numbers 13-14

Korah's rebellion – Numbers 16, 1 Cor. 10 (14,700 died)

Wandering in the wilderness – Deuteronomy 2

Bronze snake – Numbers 21, 1 Cor. 10 (many died)

Balaam – Numbers 22-24

Sin at Peor – Numbers 25, 1 Cor. 10 (23,000-24,000 died)

**God loves us all the time.**

**God loves us in our sin.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-10 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." <sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. NIV

**God's love is one side of the relationship.**

Hebrews 3:7-8 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness." NIV