

ONE-SIDED LOVE

Know This Love: 4

Psalm 136

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷ who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

⁸ the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

¹⁰ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

¹² with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

¹³ to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

¹⁴ and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

¹⁵ but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness;

His love endures forever.

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings,

His love endures forever.

¹⁸ and killed mighty kings—

His love endures forever.

¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites

His love endures forever.

²⁰ and Og king of Bashan—

His love endures forever.

²¹ and gave their land as an inheritance,

His love endures forever.

²² an inheritance to his servant Israel.

His love endures forever.

²³ He remembered us in our low estate

His love endures forever.

²⁴ and freed us from our enemies.

His love endures forever.

²⁵ He gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever. NIV

Brief history of Israel

Psalm 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 _____ the _____.

God loves us _____ our _____.

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. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

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

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ 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." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. NIV

God's love is _____ of the relationship.

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