

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

Eleutheros Books is dedicated to offering literature and course offerings that will help believers to think Biblically.

Feel free to check out the following:

[*The Ramifications of Our Salvation*](#) explains what happens Biblically when a believer is saved by God's grace.

[*Bible Translations: A Closer Look*](#) explains the challenges translators face and gives reasons why the wording in some versions is so much different from that of other versions.

[*Spiritual Gifts Verse by Verse: A Commentary on I Corinthians 12-14*](#) deals with every phrase in these three chapters which are key to understanding the blessings and challenges of the gifts God gives to every believer.

[*A Portrait of Jesus*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

[*19th Century Influences on 21st Century Christianity*](#) gives insights into many factors from the past that are still influencing the Church today.

All these books can be purchased by going to the website: www.eleutherosbooks.com

Very soon the first of several courses will be available through Eleutheros Books. Entitled Soteriology, it will involve 30 audio/visual lectures, tests, quizzes, and Bible memory assignments.

God willing, other future courses will be made available: I and II Corinthians, Life of Christ, and Elementary New Testament Greek.

Thoughts from the Psalms

[Psalm 136](#) is a song of praise and thanksgiving.

Each verse concludes with these words: *for His mercy endureth for ever.*

The first three verses offer thanks to God in slightly different ways. In verse 1 God is referred to as *the Lord*. In verse 2 God is referred to as *the God of gods*. In verse 3 God is referred to as *the Lord of lords*.

The Psalmist, presumably David, is grateful for Who God is. He understands that God is God alone, that His mercy (His love extended to those who truly need it!) is eternal, and that He is the sovereign ruler of all things (note *Lord of lords* in verse 3).

The Psalmist moves on to thanking God for what He has done. *To Him Who alone doeth great wonders* (verse 4). God is not only awesome in His attributes and character; He is also omnipotent and merciful in His actions!

In verse 5 God is recognized for His wisdom in making the heavens.

In verse 6 God is recognized as amazingly powerful: *To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters*.

In verses 7-9 the Psalmist is in awe of God's creativity and wisdom in creating stars (verse 7), the sun (verse 8), and the moon (verse 9).

Having written about these great facts the Psalmist now expresses praise to God for how He has dealt with His people (Israel).

He speaks of the 10th plague upon Egypt (verses 10 and 11) that caused Amenhotep II, then the merciless Pharaoh of Egypt, to release the children of Israel from bondage.

In the next verses he speaks of God's mercy in providing for His people while in the wilderness. Reference is made to His *strong hand* (verse 12), His dividing *the Red Sea into parts* (verses 13-14), the destruction of Pharaoh's army (verse 15), provision for basic needs (verse 16), victory over ungodly kings and their armies (verses 17-20), and the blessing of an inheritance in a wonderful land (verses 21-22).

Not only does the Psalmist give praise to His amazing God, but he also recognizes *our low estate* (verse 23), the miracle only He can provide in redemption (verse 24), His daily provision for the needs of His people (verse 25), and the fact that He is the God Who resides in heaven (verse 26).

The Psalmist had many reasons to give thanks to God! His mercy is forever! He is powerful enough to do what He plans to do! He is loving enough to solve problems and meet daily needs! He offers great blessings!

Surely the believers of today should react in the same ways!

When we were without hope, stuck in the slave market of sin, and not seeking God, He sent His Son to die for us, showed great grace in saving us, and gives us all that we need to serve Him in this ungodly world.

How can we do anything less than to say with the Psalmist, *O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for His mercy endureth for ever* (verse 26)!

Below is a hymn that expresses reasons to praise our God as we ought:

*Praise the Father for His lovingkindness,
Tenderly cares for His erring children;
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,
Praise ye Jehovah!*

*Praise ye the Savior, great is His compassion,
Graciously cares for His chosen people;
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,
Praise ye the Savior!*

*Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise ye the Triune God!*

Praise Ye the Triune God

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We will continue thoughts from the Psalms in next month's newsletter.