

# The Kindness Principle/A Study of Psalm 136

## Part 1

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- God's miracles cover **ALL** aspects of life (small and great).
- **EVERY DAY** is a miracle.
- God's kindness in the past, present and future. God has **ALWAYS** been kind.
- God is more than able to provide mercy. He yearns to show mercy. But it **MUST BE RECEIVED**.

Hebrew (*hesed*) - Loving kindness or loyal love. God commits His love by stating **I will be your God and you will be my people**.

### Micah 6:8 (ESV)

**He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

**Psalm 136 is presented in three parts:**

**Pt. 1 Call of Thanksgiving Vs. 1-3**

**Pt. 2 The Reasons for Thanksgiving Vs. 4-25**

**Pt. 3 The Conclusion of Thanksgiving Vs. 26**

### Vs. 1-3

### John 1:1-5 (ESV)

**<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

### Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

### Romans 8:28 (ESV)

**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.**

### Vs. 2

### Vs. 3

### Hashem demonstrates His kindness by:

- **Withholding** what sin says we deserve
- My praise exemplifies His acts of kindness which are from everlasting **to** everlasting
- Hashem is kind to **EVERY** generation (therefore, I cannot be cursed)
- Even before I was walking in the Word, the Lord was kind to me
- The ultimate act of kindness was the gift of the Word
- The Father is Kind (steadfast) for our sake versus His own
- God's care **endures FOREVER**

### Factor Points

1. **Worship** – My life is an invitation for all to Worship our awesome God (**Psalm 107**)
2. **Learn** – Removal of things materially has matured me spiritually (**Psalm 119:71**)
3. **Serve** – Kindness towards others reflects God's kindness towards me (**Galatians 5:22-23**)