

September 15th – It's Time to Say So

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy." (Psalm 107:1-2)*

The phrase "His mercy endures forever" appears 41 times in the Bible, and in all 26 verses of Psalm 136. Mercy is compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. When we speak of the mercy of God, we're saying that God would have been justified in annihilating our forebears, Adam and Eve, when they sinned in the Garden of Eden. He could've wiped them out and been blameless in doing so. But instead of destruction, He chose mercy – the kind of mercy that would send His only begotten Son to this world to suffer and die in our place.

Because of God's limitless mercy, every member of the human race has an opportunity to experience redemption. Redeem means to gain or regain possession of something (or someone) in exchange for payment. When Adam and Eve chose sin, they made us all adversaries of God. The only way humans could be reconciled was for sin's price to be paid. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus came and paid the price we could not pay. In other words, His shed blood was the only payment that could salvage us from hell.

If we have placed our faith in Jesus alone for salvation, the good news is that we are redeemed. We have been set free from the curse of sin and death! If we've been redeemed, then we need to open our mouths wide and "say so." We need to worship God everyday through a personal walk with Him. We need to join God's people in praising the name of Jesus. We need to go to a lost and dying world and share with them how they can be redeemed as well. You've been bought with a price – let the world know! It's time to say so!