**Psalm 136-139**

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[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+136-139&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16210a)] 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.*

Psalm 137

**1**By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
    when we remembered Zion.
**2**There on the poplars
    we hung our harps,
**3**for there our captors asked us for songs,
    our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
    they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

**4**How can we sing the songs of the Lord
    while in a foreign land?
**5**If I forget you, Jerusalem,
    may my right hand forget its skill.
**6**May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
    if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
    my highest joy.

**7**Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did
    on the day Jerusalem fell.
“Tear it down,” they cried,
    “tear it down to its foundations!”
**8**Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,
    happy is the one who repays you
    according to what you have done to us.
**9**Happy is the one who seizes your infants
    and dashes them against the rocks.

Psalm 138

**Of David.**

**1**I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
    before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
**2**I will bow down toward your holy temple
    and will praise your name
    for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
    that it surpasses your fame.
**3**When I called, you answered me;
    you greatly emboldened me.

**4**May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
    when they hear what you have decreed.
**5**May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
    for the glory of the Lord is great.

**6**Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
    though lofty, he sees them from afar.
**7**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
    you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
    with your right hand you save me.
**8**The Lord will vindicate me;
    your love, Lord, endures forever -
    do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 139

**For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.**

**1**You have searched me, Lord,
    and you know me.
**2**You know when I sit and when I rise;
    you perceive my thoughts from afar.
**3**You discern my going out and my lying down;
    you are familiar with all my ways.
**4**Before a word is on my tongue
    you, Lord, know it completely.
**5**You hem me in behind and before,
    and you lay your hand upon me.
**6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
    too lofty for me to attain.

**7**Where can I go from your Spirit?
    Where can I flee from your presence?
**8**If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
    if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
**9**If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
    if I settle on the far side of the sea,
**10**even there your hand will guide me,
    your right hand will hold me fast.
**11**If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
    and the light become night around me,”
**12**even the darkness will not be dark to you;
    the night will shine like the day,
    for darkness is as light to you.

**13**For you created my inmost being;
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
**14**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
    your works are wonderful,
    I know that full well.
**15**My frame was not hidden from you
    when I was made in the secret place,
    when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
**16**Your eyes saw my unformed body;
    all the days ordained for me were written in your book
    before one of them came to be.
**17**How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
    How vast is the sum of them!
**18**Were I to count them,
    they would outnumber the grains of sand—
    when I awake, I am still with you.

**19**If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
    Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
**20**They speak of you with evil intent;
    your adversaries misuse your name.
**21**Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord,
    and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
**22**I have nothing but hatred for them;
    I count them my enemies.
**23**Search me, God, and know my heart;
    test me and know my anxious thoughts.
**24**See if there is any offensive way in me,
    and lead me in the way everlasting.