

The Psalms Proclaim His Steadfast Love

5. From the groups of psalms listed, what leads the psalmist to remember, extol, or invoke God's steadfast love?
- e) God as the victor/champion
- Recalling past victories (136:17-22; 44:1-3)
 - In a plea for present aid and strength (44:4-8, 23-26)
 - Giving hope because none can stand against Him (94:1-10, 16-23)
 - Leading to a future peace (Ps. 144)

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6. To whom does the Lord extend His steadfast love?

- To those who are His (18:20-30, 49-50)
 - Those who know (yadah) Him (36:10)
 - The godly who call on Him (86:3-7)
 - Those faithful to the covenant (89:30-34)
 - Those who fear Him (103:15-18)
 - Those who trust and obey His word (119:41-43, 87-88)

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Responses to His Steadfast Love

- A call to worship (136:1-3)
- “Thanks” from the Hebrew “yadah” or “yardah”
- “Confess or acknowledge in a thoughtful and grateful worship, spelling out what we know of God, His deeds, and His character.”

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7. What is the common response when considering His steadfast love?
- a) Thanks/Praise/Singing (33:1-5; 57:7-11; 89:1-4; 92:1-4)
 - b) Trust/Hope (33:18-22; 42:5-11; 115:1, 9-13)
 - c) Obedience (26:1-7; 86:11-13; 119:57-64, 145-152)
 - d) Repentance (51:1-4; Ps. 130)

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(107:1-3; 136:23-25)

8. What was our “low estate”?
- Dead in sin (Eph. 2:1-2; Rom. 5:8)
 - Separated, without hope, strangers to the covenant, children of wrath like all of mankind (Eph 2:3, 11-12)
 - Helpless (Rom 5:6)
 - Owing a debt we could not pay (Col. 2:14)

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9. Who/what are our foes and wherein lies our rescue or deliverance?
- Foes
 - Satan (Eph. 6:11; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:9, 12-17)
 - Powers of this world (Eph. 2:2; 6:12; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 Jn 5:19)
 - Fleshly nature/Temptation (Mt. 26:41; Col. 3:5-6; 1 Jn. 2:16)

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- Rescue/Deliverance

- Jesus and His blood (Jn. 16:33; Rom. 5:6-10; Eph. 2:5-6, 13-14; Rev. 12:11)
- God's help (Heb. 13:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 5:10)
- Armor of God (Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; 1 Thess. 5:8)

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10. Has God's steadfast love changed for us under the new covenant?

- No
 - Abraham's descendants in Christ (Gal. 3:24-29)
 - Transferred into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13-14, 21-22; 26-27)
 - Receiving the promise of eternal inheritance (Heb. 9:13-15)
 - Christ our High Priest, in heaven appearing in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:23-28)

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11. While we know that all our daily provisions are from God, in what other way are we fed as His children?

- Righteousness through faith in Jesus (Mt. 5:6; Php. 3:8-11)
- Living water (Jn. 4:10, 13-14) and the bread from heaven (Jn. 6:32), leading to eternal life.
- Holy spirit/Revelation (Isaiah 44:1-5; Jn. 7:37-39; Acts 2)

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