**Psalm 106:1-3 Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good! For His mercy endures forever. 2Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can declare all His praise? 3 Blessed are those who keep justice, *And* he who does righteousness at all times!**

We are now 4 short days from Thanksgiving. This morning, we are looking at Psalm 106. I intentionally saved this one for last because it starts out with *Praise the Lord*. The word praise here has the idea of celebrating, glorying in the Lord. We are to talk about the Lord and the things He has done for us. 2 Corinthians 10:17 says *But “he who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”* We have no cause to glory in ourselves, in our accomplishments, in our works. We glory in the Lord. We Praise Him. Verse 1 finishes - *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.* If we don’t know what this verse means by now, we never will. God is owed our thanks, our praise, our enthusiastic love for the limitless mercy, the limitless kindness that He shows us – even on our worst days, even when we don’t deserve it, He loves us.

Verse 2 *Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?* Who can speak of God’s mighty acts (the Hebrew word here for mighty acts means power, force)? The answer, of course, is no one. We cannot understand the powerful God we serve. We can’t grasp the fullness of His power, the completeness of His knowledge, the purity of His righteousness. He is all powerful, all knowing, all forgiving – what does that even mean? We don’t know, so we can’t speak to it. To speak of it like we understand it is folly. *Who can declare all His praise?* Who can utter enough praise for God? If we start in the morning and continue into the night, we can’t praise Him enough. If we shout until our voice is raw, we can’t praise Him enough. If we tell every person in a crowded stadium, we can’t praise Him enough. We may not be able to ever do enough, but let’s be assured of one thing… we can do far more than we do. For too many, the days are not spent praising God, but dreading man.

Verse 3 *Blessed are those who keep justice.* Happy are those who remember justice. We are to remember justice. God doesn’t demand that we remember our justice, our rights, what’s good for us – He tells us not to worry after those – Vengeance is the Lord’s, He will repay. He demands that we protect the vulnerable – the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the prisoner. The Golden Rule is not a reactive rule – don’t do it to anyone so no one does it to you. It is a proactive rule – Matthew 7:12 *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets -* do unto others what you would have done unto you in the same situation. It is not Jesus who is hard to understand, but us who are hard of hearing.

Verse 3 continues *And he who does righteousness at all times!* Blessed is he who keeps justice and *blessed are those who advance righteousness at all times*. Blessed are those who press forward with what is right no matter the cost. Micah 6:8 says *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?* God has shown us through His Word, through His Son, through His prophets what is required. We are to do justly – we are to remember justice and pursue it. Love mercy – that word mercy is the exact same word used when we say God’s mercy endures forever. We are to love that mercy – that limitless kindness – and we are to love with that mercy and limitless kindness. And we are to walk with humbleness and lowliness of heart before the God that we cannot begin to describe or define. We cannot understand or speak to the limitlessness of His power and the mightiness of His Grace.

This week, Praise the Lord – for His limitless mercy and kindness endures forever and shows us how we are to walk before Him. Celebrate the Lord and all His wondrous works this Thanksgiving week. His mercy, His grace, His love does indeed endure forever. *Praise the Lord!* *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*