**Psalm 136:1-7 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.
2Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy *endures* forever. 3Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy *endures* forever: 4To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy *endures* forever; 5To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy *endures* forever; 6To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever; 7To Him who made great lights, For His mercy *endures* forever—
Psalm 136:23-26 Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy *endures* forever;
24And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy *endures* forever; 25Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy *endures* forever. 26Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy *endures* forever.**

We are only 11 days from Thanksgiving. We started way back at 39 days. Much has happened in 28 days, but I hope one thing has happened for sure – I hope we’ve been waking each morning with praise on our lips and thankfulness and gratitude to God in our heart for considering our lowly estate, our lowly place. In 1 Chronicles 17:16 we read *Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: “Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?* Who am I that God would consider me? Yet, He does, each and every morning. He considers us.

 This morning, we return to a familiar first verse. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.* Recall with me that giving thanks has the idea in the Hebrew of raising hands and giving praise to God. This isn’t a thoughtless thanks and appreciation like most appreciation we talk about. This is praise and heartfelt thankfulness of the Lord God Almighty! For His Mercy knows no limits.

 Verses 2 & 3 show us God’s supremacy. *Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever.* King of kings, Lord of lords*.* God is all powerful, all knowing. He has no counselor, no equal. He is the God of my grandfather’s grandfather and knew me long before my great, great grandfather was born. Ephesians 1:4 *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.* God had us in mind before our life began.

 Verse 4 says *To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever.*Last week, we were told to Talk of His wondrous works and Remember His wondrous works. God alone does great wonders. He allows us to be part of His wondrous works, but He alone does them. We need not kid ourselves that God needs our counsel.

 Verses 5-7*To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever; 6To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever; 7To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever***.** Job 38:4-8 God asks,*“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?* *To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?**“Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb.* John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* Through the Word, through Jesus, through Wisdom, all things were made, heaven and earth. When we seek Jesus, we seek the wisdom of creation. The fact that we are allowed to seek the Creator while He might be found is reason to cry with joy and thankfulness to God.

 Move down to verse 23 *Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever.* God considers our lowly estate. He multiplies our insignificant gifts of faith and obedience into wondrous works. In Luke 1:46-49 we read - *And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For* ***He*** *who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.* It’s good to remind ourselves where it was that God found us and Who it is doing mighty things through us. Mary understood. David understood. It’s important that we understand this.

 Verse 24 *And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;* Galatians 1:4*who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.* No man or woman can rescue themselves from sin, from the very wages of death*.* Jesus gave Himself, that He might snatch us from Satan’s mouth, even as this world seeks to devour. God alone redeems, when we believe upon His Son.

Verse 25*Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.* Jesus is the very bread of life and living water – John 6:35 *And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.* But we must choose to believe.

 Verse 26 *Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.* Make these next 11 days – days filled with Thanksgiving and Gratefulness. It never too late to thank God for considering our lowly estate. We are reminded – His mercy endures forever.