## **HIS MERCY**



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We will begin this lesson in the book of Psalms chapter 30, starting in verse 1. As always, I encourage you to engage your heart, mind and spirit with the Spirit of God through His word.

## Psalm 30:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. <sup>3</sup> O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
- <sup>5</sup> For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
- <sup>7</sup> Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. <sup>8</sup> I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

- <sup>9</sup> What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth? <sup>10</sup> Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.
- <sup>11</sup> Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- <sup>12</sup> To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

There is so much goodness in this passage of scripture. In particular I want to note verse 5 where it says, "His anger endureth but a moment", but "in His favour is life". Also that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." We are all aware that difficult times and difficult situations may come. But by faith we should keep in mind what this scripture says - those difficult times only last for a moment. And afterwards there is joy, there is goodness in God. Throughout scripture we can see 'both sides of God' - His anger and His mercy. And here we see that His anger endures only for a moment.

Sometimes when praying, it is good to pray the scriptures *back* to Him. You know, to say "Lord, YOU said..." or "*You* said this in Your word." With that in mind, we will go over to Psalm 136 beginning in verse 1 where we are reminded of the Lord's goodness:

## Psalm 136:1-26

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>2</sup> O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>5</sup> To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>6</sup> To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>7</sup> To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>8</sup> The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>9</sup> The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>10</sup> To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>11</sup> And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>12</sup> With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>13</sup> To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>14</sup> And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>15</sup> But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

- <sup>16</sup> To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>17</sup> To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>18</sup> And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>19</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>20</sup> And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>21</sup> And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>22</sup> Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>23</sup> Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:
- <sup>24</sup> And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>25</sup> Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- <sup>26</sup> O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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