

A Song of Thanksgiving

Forever - day 2

Foundation

Bible passage: 2 Chronicles 20

Whilst Jehoshaphat reigned in Jerusalem several enemy nations ganged up on his nation, Judah. The King was afraid and so he and the people prayed and fasted. His prayer is recorded in 2 Chronicles chapter 20 verse 6 to 13.

“... for His steadfast love endures forever”

The Holy Spirit then came upon Jahaziel who spoke to the King and people telling them not to be afraid but to go out against their enemies concluding in verse 17:

You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.

So the people praised God and the next day went out as God had told them to do. The King

Chorus & final verse

Forever God is faithful,

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us,

Forever.

(Repeat)

Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,

His love endures forever.

By the grace of God, we will carry on.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

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The Ascent of Ziz is thought to be one of the valleys onto the plateau above the west bank of the Dead Sea.

appointed people to go with the army to sing “Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever” (v21). These are the same words we saw in the previous unit from Psalm 136 and they are found in many other places.

Booklet:

What did the people thank God for? - God’s steadfast love.

How did the people praise God? - With groups of singers who walked with the army.

Verse 22 tells us that when they began to sing thanking God before He had acted. Then their enemies fought amongst themselves and fled. So when the people of Judah reached the battlefield there was no enemy to face and no need to fight. It wasn’t that they thanked God for their rescue but they were rescued because they had given thanks to God!

Reflection:

Why did thanking God for his steadfast love help the people to trust him? - Because they remembered how He had helped His people in the past.)

What is good about singing with others?

Learn the chorus and verse 3 of the song “Forever” by Chris Tomlin.



The King and people thanked God even before He had acted, trusting that His steadfast love endures forever.