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***Psalm 136: 1***

O give thanks unto the Lord; for me is good: for his mercy endures forever.

**God always hears**

John 11: 34 – 44

Jesus response was a faith response from the moment he heard the news.

He wasn’t moved by a “bad report”. He already knew what he was going to do.e wasn’t

* Jesus expressed emotion, but emotions did not control him.
* Natural reasoning must be put aside (Proverbs 3: 5 – 6). Dead things don’t change apart from God.
* I thank you that you have heard me and I know that you ***hear me always.***
* Jesus never doubted that his prayers had been heard.
* That gives us strong confidence to pray.

***1 John 5: 14 – 15***

If we ask anything according to ***His will***, he hears us.

Raising the dead was clearly the Father’s will ***(Matthew 10: 8).***

* Jesus believed he received when he prayed.
* The moment we pray, something is happening.
* Psalm 121: 1 – 8
	+ He never sleeps nor slumbers.
* Isaiah 59: 1

Behold, the Lord’s hand is not ***shortened*** (too weak), that it cannot save; neither his ear ***heavy***, that it cannot hear (not dull with deafness).

* Isaiah 55: 11 – The Word is meant to return to God. It never fails and is never void of power.

John 16: 23 – 24 (*So how confident can we be?)*

* Whatever you ask the Father ***in my name***, He will give it to you.
* Praying in faith is ‘coming boldly to the throne of grace’.
* Through Jesus we have access by one Spirit unto the Father (Ephesians 2: 18).

1 Peter 3: 10 - 12

***Revelation 8: 4***

The smoke of the incense mixed with the ***prayers*** of God’s holy people ascended up to God.

* The Lord’s ears are open the prayers of the righteous.

Luke 11: 1 – 13 – *shameless persistence* (NLT).

* Stay with it no matter what the circumstances.
* Ask, seek and knock.

Acts 10: 1 – 8 (Cornelius was the first gentile convert to Christianity).

* His prayers and giving had gone up before God as a ***memorial*** (reminder or a record or offering).
* ***Note:*** he was a giver and a prayer. Both went up before God as a record.

Hebrews 5: 7 – 9 NLT (*Jesus prayed in a time of need*)

* God heard the cry of Jesus.
	+ Matthew 26: 37 – 44 (Jesus prayed three times in the garden).
	+ Matthew 26: 52 – 54. Jesus knew that if he called out to the Father he would send delivering angels (12 legions – approx. 72,000).
* Jesus already knew the Fathers will.
	+ Acts 3: 13 -18
	+ Luke 9: 31- Moses and Elijah spoke of his impending death.
	+ John 11: 49 – 51 (Caiaphas the high priest prophesied Jesus death).

***John 17: 20 – 23***

God loves us as much as He loves Jesus.

***1 John 4: 18 – 19***

Perfect love lasts out fear because fear has ***torment*** (correction, punishment or penalty).

Mark 10: 46 – 52 (Blind Bartimaeus)

***Jesus stood still.***

To stand firm or immovable.

* The cry of faith reaches heaven.

***John 16: 24***

Ask and you ***shall*** receive that your joy may be full.

* Jesus ***stood still*** because he ***heard*** ‘faith’.
* The onlookers were many. Don’t ever shut down someone’s faith in God. It’s a religious spirit that tries to stop the word of faith being spoken.
* What do you want me to do for you? God is for us, not against us. Have faith in God and tell Him what your wants and needs are.

Acts 12: 1 – 17

* Peter was delivered from prison because of the prayers of the believers.
* The moment they prayed, God moved by sending a delivering angel.

Acts 16: 24 – 32

* God heard the prayers and praise and so did the other prisoners.
* All the prisoner’s chains were removed. But none tried to escape.
* What must I do to be saved? “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved and your house.*”

***Romans 10: 13 & Acts 2: 21***

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

* God is good and his mercy endures forever.

Exodus 2: 23 – 25

* God heard the cry of Israel in Egypt and He remembers his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
* God will always remember his covenant with us. We have been purchased with a price. We take communion to remember the covenant – “*do this in remembrance of me*.”

Daniel 10: 11 – 13

* A man greatly beloved just like we are.
* From the day Daniel fasted and prayed, ***God heard him***. The angel was assigned to respond to his words.
* The delay was demonic resistance, not a reluctance on the part of God.
* Delay does not mean denial.

Psalm 34: 15 - 19

* The righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers them out of their troubles.

Proverbs 15: 29

The Lord is far from the wicked but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

1 Kings 18: 26 – 28

* Elijah takes on the prophets of Baal.

John 9: 31

Psalm 18: 40 – 41

Psalm 66: 18

Proverbs 1: 28 – 29 (the wicked hate knowledge and do not choose the fear of the Lord).

Proverbs 28: 9 (turning away from God’s word comes at a price).

Isaiah 1: 15

Jeremiah 11: 11