Northwest Bible Church - Nov. 24, 2019 - Thanksgiving Message - Alan Conner

**Ps. 118:1-3**

*Thanking God for His Lovingkindness*

Intro

God’slovingkindness is the Hebrew word ***hesed***. We are to give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness 18 times. ***Hesed*** can be translated as “lovingkindness” (NASB), steadfast love (ESV), mercy (NKJV), love (NIV); “loyal love”; covenant love; the LXX normally translates *Hesed* as “mercy.” But it is a rich word, that overlaps with kindness, loyalty, goodness, strength.

**A. A COVENANT LOVE.**

1. God’s covenant love toward Israel.

2. God’s covenant love towards those who love Him.

**B. AN INFINITE LOVE**

1. Description of this love.

2. Comfort of this love.

**C. AN EVERLASTING LOVE**.

1. This love is said to be everlasting 57 times in the OT.

2. God’s HESED is always there even when not visible.

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**D. A GRACIOUS LOVE**

1. Rooted in God’s sovereignty. Amos 3:2; Duet. 7:7; 9:4-5.

2. We are unworthy of God’s love.

3. A love that revives our souls. Ps. 119:76, 88; 144:2

**E. A SAVING LOVE**

1. It forgives sin. Ps. 51:1; 130:7; Prov. 16:6; Mic. 7:18; Ps. 103:8-14

2. Found only in Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:6-8. Jn. 3:16

Conclusion