# Finding Favor & High Esteem – with God & man

Prov 3:3 ... (Do Something...)

## **Prov 3:4** And so find **favor** and **high esteem** In the sight of God and man.

It is unusual that "something" works positively with God & man (...often the things of man do not earn favor with God!)

# **Pro 3:3** Let not mercy (H2617) and truth (H571) forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart

MERCY - chêsêd (kheh'-sed) kindness; by implication (towards God) piety; - favour, good deeds, kindly, (loving-) kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity. Total KJV occurrences: <u>247</u>

**TRUTH** – 'emeth (eh'-meth) stability; figuratively certainty, truth, trustworthiness: - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity. Total KJV occurrences: **127** 

#### Why Does God Value Mercy? - it is His way

**Psa 136:1** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His **mercy** *endures* forever.

Psa 136:2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy *endures* forever.



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Psa 136:3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His **mercy** *endures* forever:

- Psa 136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;
- Psa 136:5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;
- Psa 136:6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever;

Psa 136:7 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever-

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- Psa 136:10 To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever;
- Psa 136:11 And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever;

Psa 136:12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever;

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- Psa 136:24 And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;
- Psa 136:25 Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

Psa 136:26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

### Why Does God Value Truth? ... it is His way

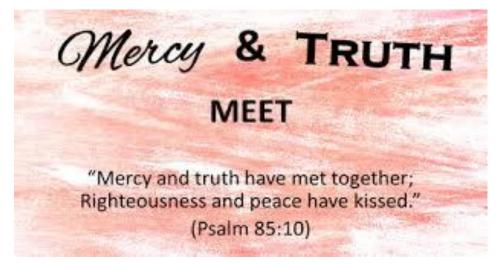
Psa 119:160 All Your words are **true**; all Your righteous laws are eternal.

#### Widow's son dies

1Ki 17:22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

1Ki 17:23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

1Ki 17:24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD **in your mouth** is the **truth**."





Bonus verse ... the secret to a long & peaceful life ...

- Prov 3:1 (*Do Something*...)
- Prov 3:2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

(...You'll need to open your own Bible to Proverbs 3:1 to find the answer)