

# Sermon Handout

## Deliverance

### Psalm 136:10-22

#### I. Psalm 136 as a Unity

- a. A prelude, six strophes and a doxology (vv. 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19)
  - i. Prelude vv. 1-3
  - ii. Doxology vv. 23-26
- b. This Psalm is a litany of praise for God's merciful works.
- c. The body begins with "[God] alone does great wonders" v. 4
  - i. Give thanks for his work of creation vv. 4-9
  - ii. Give thanks for his work of deliverance vv. 10-22
- d. The doxology celebrates God's mercy and providence vv. 23-26

#### II. The Wonders of His Redemptive Work

- a. Deliverance from Egypt vv. 10-15 (2 strophes)
  - i. Deliverance begins with the final plague (great wonders v. 4)  
Display of Divine Power *cf.* Ps 106:6-8
  - ii. Delivered by a strong hand and outstretched arm vv. 11-12
  - iii. Safely through the Red Sea vv. 13-15 *cf.* Ps 106:9-11
    1. "parts" – a wide path for God's people v.13
    2. His people delivered v. 14
    3. Their enemies destroyed v. 15
- b. Providence in the desert vv. 16-22 (2 strophes)
  - i. God against all that opposed his people v. 16
    1. The pillar of cloud and fire
    2. Provisions of food and water
  - ii. Destroyed those who would keep them from Abraham's land
    1. Mighty & famous kings vv. 17-20
    2. Sihon & Og Numb 21:21-26; 33-35 *cf.* Ps 135:10-11
    3. Their country delivered to Israel vv. 21-22

#### III. The Doxology

- a. Delivers his people in their weakness (humiliation) v. 23
- b. Rescues his people from their enemies v. 24
- c. Provides all that is needed by his creatures v. 25
- d. He is therefore due all praise v. 26 (ties back to vv. 1-3)

#### IV. Applicability to the New Testament Church

Rom 1:4, 16; Jn 12:31; 16:8-11; I Cor 5:7; 10:1-13 *esp.* v. 11