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## **Psalm Chapter 108 NLT**

**Psalm 108 can be divided into 3 parts: (1) Praise and Prayer Vss.1-5, (2) God Has Spoken Vss.6-9 and (3) God is the Only Helper Vss. 10-13.**

This Psalm is a song of David, and it gives directions for Praising God. It begins with praise and concludes with prayer, and faith is at work in both. **(1)** David here gives thanks to God for mercies to himself, verses 1-5. **(11)** He prays to God for mercies for the land, pleading the promises of God and putting them in suit, verses 6-13. The first part is taken out of Psalm 57:7, the last part is from Psalm 60:5, and with very little variation. This teaches us that we may in prayer use the same words that we have formerly used, provided it is with new affections. It teaches also that it is not only allowable, but sometimes convenient to gather some verses out of one Psalm and some out of another, and to put them together, to be sung to the glory of God. In singing this Psalm the Church **must give glory to God and take comfort.**

### **PRAISE and PRAYER Vss. 1-5**

- 1) My heart is confident in You, O God; no wonder I can sing You Praises with all my heart!**
- 2) Wake up, lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song.**

**“My heart is confident in You, O God”** What David was saying, is that he had a firm determination, unshakable, a steadfast love, and a constant thought of praising and worshiping God for who and what He is. We must have a steadfast affection and not merely a fluttering love for God. That is what will prepare us to worship not only with our voice but with anything else that we can use to worship Him with including musical instrument. David said this earlier in **Ps. 57:7) My heart is confident in You, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing Your praises.**

**Ps. 108: 1-2 MSG) I’ am ready, God, so ready, ready from head to toe. Ready to sing, ready to raise a God- song: “Wake, soul! Wake, lute! Wake up, you sleepyhead sun!”**

**3) I will thank You, LORD, among all people. I will sing Your praise among the nations.**

Our thanksgiving to the LORD must also be sounded “among the peoples”. regardless to who we are around our praises and thanksgiving to God should be heard. In this verse David is saying to God **“I am not a shame to sing and praise You openly regardless to who is around me or where I am.**

**Mal. 1:11 NLT) But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of My name. For My name is great among the nations, says the LORD of heavens Armies.**

**Mat. 10:32) Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven.**

One day Jesus will acknowledge and honor us before His Heavenly Father. Because we have acknowledged Him, confess and professed His name and our faith in Him publicly without shame.

**4) For Your unfailing love is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

**“For”** The occasion or reason for these expressions of joy-shown by the word “for”- are God’s “lovingkindness” and “truth”. The lovingkindness of God is “great”, that is extensive and high. It does not only go to the heavens, but “above the heavens”. We see this lovingkindness in the Lord Jesus. He “ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things”.

**John 3:16) For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

**Eph 4:10 NLT) The same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that He might fill the entire universe with Himself.**

**Ps.108:4-5 MSG) The deeper Your love, the higher it goes; every cloud’s a flag to your**

**faithfulness. Soar high in the skies, O God!  
Cover the whole earth with Your glory!**

Directly attached to His lovingkindness is again His truth. His lovingkindness always goes together with His truth, “with faithfulness to His truth”. His truth is His word and His promises.

**5) Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May Your glory shine over all the earth.**

David asks God to exalt Himself. He asks this not primarily for his own need, but so that God’s honor and glory will be visible “above and all-around the earth and the universe.

David said in **1 Chron. 22:4-5) ...the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnifically, of fame and of glory throughout all countries...**

Today, this temple is the spiritual temple of the body of Christ. In Haggai 2:9. It says, **“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former...”**

The Church should be an impressive attraction to the world.

**Ps 99: 1-2) The LORD is King! Let the nations tremble! He sits on His throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earthquake! (2) The LORD sits in majesty in Zion, exalted above all the nations.**

**GOD HAS SPOKEN Vss. 6-9**

**6) Now rescue Your beloved people. Answer and save us by Your power.**

David speaks to God of His people as “**Your beloved**”. He appeals to God from the awareness that God loves His people.

**Deu 7:9) Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love to those who love Him and obey His commands.**

**Jer 31:3) Long ago the LORD said to Israel: “I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to Myself.**

**7) God has promised this by His holiness: I will divide up Schechem with joy. I will measure out the valley of Succoth.**

**8) Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh, too. Ephraim, My helmet, will produce My warriors, and Judah, My scepter, will produce My kings.**

**9) But Moab, My washbasin, will become My servant, and I will wipe My feet on Edom and shout in triumph over Philistia. (The Philistines).**

David asks God for an answer in Vs 6) and He answered from His holiness “His sanctuary”. What God says will sanctify His name. What God says is at the same time what He does.

**Gen 1:3) Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (etc.)**

God promised the land to Abraham in **Gen 15:18-21)**

Shechem, Succoth, Gilead, Manasseh, Ephraim, and Judah are all in Israel. "Shechem" and "Succoth" point to the beginning of Jacob's return to the promised land.

**Gen 33:18,20) ...Jacob arrived safely at the town of Shechem in the land of Canaan. 20 There he built an altar and named it El-Elohe-Isarel.** El-Elohe-Isarel means "God, the God of Israel".

God measured out the whole area and He gave the exact measured amount to whom it belongs, no more or no less because He is the Just God.

"Ephraim" represents the 10 tribes and "Judah" 2 tribes. Together they make-up the whole land of Israel.

Of Ephraim God says that he is the helmet; (Protection) of His head. Of Judah God says he is His scepter or "lawgiver". From Judah His law will be taught and enforced everywhere.

God said that He also has ownership of all the other arears outside of Israel! "Moab" "Edom" and Philistia.

**Vs 9) Moab, My washbasin;** After any battle, the soldiers take off their shoes, wash their feet in a washbasin then they will throw their shoes at the defeated enemies as a sign of victory with a joyful shout. God kept His promise to Abraham. He allowed

these countries to be conquered and their land taken from them.

**God will wipe His feet on Edom**, which means He will subject this people to Himself.

**God will rejoice over Philistia;** Isaiah said in **Isa 14:31) Wail at the gates! Weep in the cities! Melt with fear, you Philistines.**

Other translations put Vs.9 this way; **I will shout in triumph over the Philistines.** (Good news translation)

**The Philistines are made subject to Me.**  
(Brenton Septuagint Translation)

**Pro 21:30 AMP)** Tells us that; **There is no (human) wisdom or understanding or counsel (that can prevail) against the LORD.**

We read in **Ps 105:24 NLT) The LORD multiplied the people of Israel until they became too mighty for their enemies.**

### **GOD Is the only Helper Vss. 10-13**

**10)Who will bring me into the fortified City?  
Who will bring me victory over Edom?**

After God announced His ownership of the many places and areas inside and outside of Israel, David asks Who **will bring me into the fortified (strong) City?** The city he was talking about was

Petra, the capital of Edom, built on rocks. Because of its natural location, it was “**humanly**” impossible to conquer the city.

David was specific in his question to God. He wanted victory over Edom, his enemies. **Ps 2:8) Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

**11) Have You rejected us, O God? Will You no longer march with our armies?**

How many times we as Christians felt as though our LORD and savior is at a distance and He is not hearing us crying out to Him? How many times have we felt rejected by Him and that we are left to fight our own battles? I think that this is how David was thinking and feeling when he asked God these questions. **Mat 28:20) ...I am with you always, even to the end of ages.**

**12) Oh, please help us against our enemies, for all human help is useless.**

We all have failed others and others have failed us because of the help we needed, or they have needed that we could not provide. It was not that we did not want to help but it was because in these situations it was humanly impossible to help.

Father God expect His beloved to put all our trust in Him and Him alone, and this is what David was saying to Him. **Nahum 1:7 NLT) The LORD is good, a strong hold (refuge) when trouble**



**comes, He is close to those who trust Him.** (And call upon him in faith.

David said in **Ps 22:4-5) Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. (5) They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.**

**13) With God's help we will do mighty things, for He will trample down our foes.**

All who believe in Jehovah must pray in faith and hope, for all the blessings of salvation which are promised to us by our faithful and covenant God. We must expect help from Him in every trouble and assured victory in every conflict.

There were four battles that were fought against the Philistines. Read **(2 Sam. 21:15-22 and 1 Chron. 20:4-8)**. The Philistines were descendants of the giant Goliath, but David and his warriors defeated and killed them.

**2 Cor 2:14 NAS) But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.**

**Zeph 3:17 NLT) For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness....**

**Isa 12:2) Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is**

**my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**Rom 8:28) We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.**

When the giants of life come to attack us, only the LORD can save, redeem, bring inner peace, supernatural strength, healing, and Devine intervention. No one else can do this! He alone is our rock! We must put our confidence in Him alone. He will not fail us in any season of life.

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