

# **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**

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**Psalms 118-Study Notes**

## **Introduction:**

- Psalm 118 is the last of the 6 Messianic Psalms (113-118)
- Messianic Psalm reveals the nature of Christ; they speak of Jesus
  - Luke 24:44

<sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.”

*Hebrew Commentator, David Baron, “they were sung at the three great feast, the Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. At the Passover, Psalms 113 and 114 were sung before the drinking of the second cup and the other four (115-118) after the drinking of the fourth cup, at the end of the ceremony. It is very likely that this was the hymn sung by our Lord and His disciples after the institution of the Lord’s Supper.”*
  - Matthew 26:30

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- As we look at Psalm 118, imagine this Psalm being sung by Jesus at the Last Supper. Allow it to give us insight to what the Lord was thinking and carrying in His heart before going to the cross.
- Psalm 118 is the final song of the ‘Egyptian Hallel’ called such because it speaks of the deliverance from Egypt
- Hallel, a call to ‘Praise the Lord’
- With the exception of Psalm 114, Psalm 113-118 begins and/or ends with the command ‘Praise ye the Lord’

## **Theme:**

- Goodness of God Celebrated
- Grateful Acknowledgements
- Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy
- Chief Cornerstone

## Composer:

- Specific writer unknown
- Prophetic Song of David and also Jesus' psalm  
*Commentator, G. Campbell Morgan, "This is pre-eminently the triumph song of the Christ, He the ideal Servant, He the perfect Priest, He the Leader of the people. How much all these words meant to Him as He sang them on that night in the upper room."*
- Composer said to be David after successful battle gaining the kingdom he was anointed to lead

## Outline:

- **Vs. 1-4: David calls all to give God glory for His goodness**
- **Vs. 5-18: A historical outline of Israel's suffering**
  - ⇒ **Vs. 5-9:** David encourages others to trust the Lord
  - ⇒ **Vs. 10-14:** David testifies that victory only comes in the name of the Lord
  - ⇒ **Vs. 15-18:** David declares the Lord as our deliverer
- **Vs. 19-29: Deliverance by Messiah's appearance**
  - ⇒ **Vs. 19-23:** David gives thanks and exults God
  - ⇒ **Vs. 24-29:** David and all sing and glorify God for His goodness

## Psalms 118

<sup>1</sup> Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*

For His mercy *endures* forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now say,

"His mercy *endures* forever."

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron now say,

"His mercy *endures* forever."

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord now say,

"His mercy *endures* forever."

### **Vs. 1-4: David calls all to give God glory for His goodness**

<sup>1</sup> **Oh**, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*

- **Oh**-Exclamation-Declaration-A plea to give thanks
- With the word **Oh**, the exhortation is stated as an exclamation.
- **Why**- Because He is good....that is reason enough

For His <sup>a</sup>mercy *endures* forever.

- The word '**endures**' is not translation from the Hebrew, but added for clarity
- That mercy had no beginning and shall never know an end." (Spurgeon)

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say

- God's chosen

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say

- The Priesthood

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say

- The godly remnant

### **Vs. 5-18: A historical outline of Israel's suffering**

- Verses, throughout the suffering demonstrate:

- ◆ faith, belief, hope
- ◆ prayer, miracles, confidence
- ◆ discipline, testimony, love
- ◆ kindness, mercy, compassion

⇒ **Vs. 5-9: David encourages others to trust the Lord**

<sup>5</sup> I called on the Lord in distress;

The Lord answered me *and set me* in a broad place.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord *is* on my side;

I will not fear.

What can man do to me?

<sup>7</sup> The Lord is for me among those who help me;

Therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup> *It is* better to trust in the Lord

Than to put confidence in man.

<sup>9</sup> *It is* better to trust in the Lord

Than to put confidence in princes.

<sup>5</sup> I called on the Lord...The Lord answered

- Pray
- Call upon the Lord

<sup>6</sup> The Lord *is* on my side;

- Believe
  - Hebrews 13:6

So we may boldly say: "The Lord *is* my helper; I will not fear.

What can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> The Lord is for me

- Faith and Trust
  - Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us?

8/9 *It is better to trust in the Lord*

- Confidence and Testify

*Commentator, Charles Spurgeon, (paraphrased) No one can help the way God can help; God's help is better because it is wiser, moral, safe, directs and favorable outcome.*

### **Vs. 5-18: A historical outline of Israel's suffering**

⇒ **Vs. 10-14: David testifies that victory only comes in the name of the Lord**

<sup>10</sup> All nations surrounded me,

But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

<sup>11</sup> They surrounded me,

Yes, they surrounded me;

But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

<sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bees;

They were quenched like a fire of thorns;

For in the name of the Lord I will  destroy them.

<sup>13</sup> You pushed me violently, that I might fall,

But the Lord helped me.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord *is* my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation.

<sup>10/11/12</sup> surrounded me, surrounded me, surrounded me

<sup>13</sup> pushed me violently

- This is how Israel felt; David felt; This is how we have felt

- This is what Jesus knew was going to happen, perhaps how He felt ***Selah***

<sup>13</sup> But the Lord helped me.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord *is* my strength and song,.....my salvation.

- To seek God and find Him is to receive all of His benefits and blessings

- Exodus 15:2 The Lord *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

### **Vs. 5-18: A historical outline of Israel's suffering**

⇒ **Vs. 15-18: David declares the Lord as deliverer**

<sup>15</sup> The voice of rejoicing and salvation

*Is* in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has chastened<sup>[b]</sup> me severely,

But He has not given me over to death.

<sup>15/16</sup> The right hand of the Lord has done mighty things!

- Testify based on past experience
- The right hand of the Lord represents power, honor, it finds our enemies and upholds us
  - Psalm 21:8-9  
Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You.
  - Psalm 63:8  
My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

- The right hand of the Lord works on the inner man

<sup>17/18</sup> I shall not die, but live, The Lord has chastened<sup>[b]</sup> me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

- God's discipline is not to kill us, it is to work on the inner man
- The benefit of crisis is to train and correct us

### **Vs. 19-29: Deliverance by Messiah's appearance**

⇒ **Vs. 19-23: David gives thanks and exults God**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them,  
And I will praise the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord,  
Through which the righteous shall enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.

- Only those who are righteous can go through the gates
- The righteous will give God praise as they enter in
- In Jesus 'Triumphant Entry' He was praised
- Jesus was welcomed as Savior and Deliverer
- Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>22</sup> The stone *which* the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> This was the Lord's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

- David was rejected, we are rejected, Jesus was rejected and is still rejected

- The Stone, the Chief Cornerstone was praised one day and rejected the next
- From the cross to the grave to the Right Hand of God.....this was all God's doing

### **Vs. 19-29: Deliverance by Messiah's appearance**

⇒ **Vs. 24-29: David and all sing and glorify God for His goodness**

<sup>24</sup> This *is* the day the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save now, I pray, O Lord;

O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> God *is* the Lord,

And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You *are* my God, and I will praise You;

*You are* my God, I will exalt You.

<sup>29</sup> Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good!

For His mercy *endures* forever.

<sup>24</sup> This *is* the day the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

- Miracle after miracle; God made a way where there seem to be no way

- It was a choice to celebrate and rejoice, to pour out love unto the Lord

<sup>25</sup> Save now, I pray, O Lord;

O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

- The prayer was a plead, a hope, a confidence

- Matthew 21:19

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “**Hosanna** to the Son of David! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ **Hosanna** in the highest!”

<sup>27</sup> God *is* the Lord, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

- Because of who God is and what He has done we should enter in willingly bringing a sacrifice
- How do we enter into His presence?

- Romans 12:1

I beseech<sup>[a]</sup> you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your <sup>[b]</sup>reasonable service.

<sup>28</sup> You *are* my God, and I will praise You;

*You are* my God, I will exalt You.

<sup>29</sup> Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good!

For His mercy *endures* forever.

- Vs. 28 and 29 serve as a benediction
- Psalm 118 begins and ends 'For His mercy endures forever'
- 'For His mercy endures forever is a declaration from God's people
- God's mercy, kindness and compassion is shown throughout Psalm 118
- God never cease to be loving and kind

### **DECLARATION:**

**Vs. 1-** His mercy endures forever

**Vs. 5-**The Lord is my help My help

**Vs. 8-9-**I trust in the Lord

**Vs.17-**I will live and declare the Lord is good

**Vs. 24-**This is the day the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it

**Vs. 29-**His mercy endures forever

### **Resources**

#### **Bible:**

New King James

New International

Spirit Filled Life

New Living Translation

The Voice

#### **Websites:**

Enduringword.com

Biblegateway.com

Blueletterbible.org

Christiancourier.com

Teshnwitings.com

Plymouthbrethren.org

#### **Commentaries:**

Charles Spurgeon

David Guzik

David Baron

**Song:** Gratitude-Brandon Lake (Lyric Video)

