## "THE BOOK OF PSALMS" - Book V (107-150) Psalm 108 – June 16, 2021 "Praise and Prayer"

**Summary:** This psalm is part of the V division of the Book of Psalm. It is a psalm of David. In Psalm 108, David teaches us how to praise God. He states that those who praise God must do it out of a heart of steadfastness or a fixed heart. If they want God to be pleased with their worship, then it demands surrendering one's life to God. This psalm praises God for God's love and prayers to God for help against the enemy. This psalm consists of two parts (vv.1-5) derive from Ps 57:7-11 and (vv.6-13) derive from Ps 60:5-12.

## Outline:

- I. Praise (vv. 1-5)
- II. Prayer (vv. 6-13)

## **Assurance of God's Victory over Enemies (Psalm 108)**

<sup>1</sup>O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. <sup>2</sup> Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. <sup>3</sup> I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations. <sup>4</sup> For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens, And Your truth *reaches* to the clouds. <sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;

<sup>6</sup> That Your beloved may be delivered, Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me. <sup>7</sup> God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.<sup>8</sup> Gilead *is* Mine; Manasseh *is* Mine; Ephraim also *is* the helmet for My head; Judah *is* My lawgiver. <sup>9</sup> Moab *is* My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph." <sup>10</sup> Who will bring me *into* the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom? <sup>11</sup> *Is it* not *You*, O God, *who* cast us off? And *You*, O God, *who* did not go out with our armies? <sup>12</sup> Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless. <sup>13</sup> Through God we will do valiantly, For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.

## Questions for prayer and reflection: Re-read Psalm 108.

- 1. Do your life and decisions reflect a steadfast (fixed) heart; a person fixed on pleasing God?
- 2. Who are the two speakers in this Psalm?
- 3. What other Psalms does this psalm draw from?
- 4. What is Psalm 108:7 saying?
- 5. What truths are expressed in Psalm 108:11-12?

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