

"THE BOOK OF PSALMS" - Book V (107- 150)
Psalm 118 – June 30, 2021
"Rejoice and Be Glad!"

Summary: Psalm 118 is the last of the Egyptian Hallel psalms. The Hallel psalms are found in three separate collections: the "Egyptian Hallel" (113-118), the "Great Hallel" (120-136), and the concluding Hallel psalms (146-150). The Hallel psalms has a significant part in the "praise" (Heb. *hallel*) of the Lord. The Egyptian Hallel and the Great Hallel were sung during the annual feasts (Lev. 23; Nu 10:10). The Egyptian Hallel psalms received a special place in the Passover liturgy, 113-114 were recited or sung before and 115-118 after the festive meal (Mt. 26:30; Mk 14:26). The concluding Hallel psalms (146-150) were incorporated in the daily prayers in the synagogue after the destruction of the temple (A.D 70).

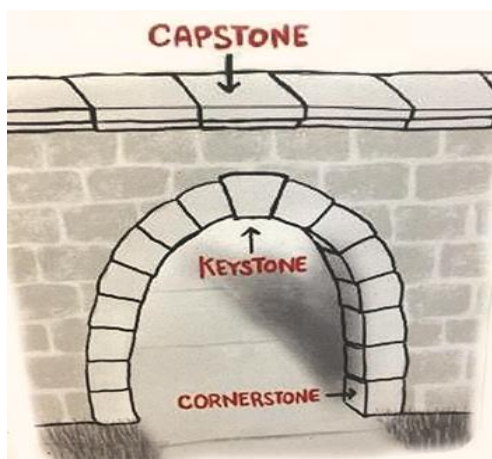
This psalm exhibits features of communal and individual thanksgiving. The theme throughout this psalm is thanksgiving. This **psalm** is centered on God, in a movement that expresses gratitude, admiration, joy and praise. In the King James Version, the Lord is mentioned in almost every verse.

Outline:

- I. Call to Communal Thanksgiving (1-4)
- II. Thanksgiving (5-21)
- III. Thanksgiving Liturgy (22-29)

Questions for reflection and prayer:

1. Recall some of the benefits/blessings you have received from the Lord over the last 15 months?
2. How do you know when the Lord has "heard" your cry?
3. What does it mean to you to know the presence of the Lord is personal?
4. How does your faith in the Lord help you overcome feelings of anguish during adversity?
5. What does the "right hand" of the Lord mean?
6. In this moment what is your testimony of thanks?



(vv.22-23)

Psalm 118 (NKJV): Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy

118 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

² Let Israel now say, "His mercy *endures* forever."

³ Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy *endures* forever."

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy *endures* forever."

⁵ I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me *and set me* in a broad place.

⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore, I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.

⁸ *It is* better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

⁹ *It is* better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me, But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

¹¹ They surrounded me, Yes, they surrounded me; But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

¹² They surrounded me like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

¹³ You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the LORD helped me.

¹⁴ The LORD *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And* I will praise the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise You, For You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

²² The stone *which* the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This was the LORD's doing; It *is* marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ God *is* the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You *are* my God, and I will praise You; *You are* my God, I will exalt You.

²⁹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.