



Give Thanks to the Lord—For He is Good

Psalm 118

I. Give Thanks for God's Enduring Love (vv. 1-4)

- A. God's character never _____ (v. 1a) [Mk. 10:18; Mal. 3:6; Jms. 1:17; Psa. 136:1]
- B. God's love outlasts every _____ (vv. 1b-4) [Psa. 100:5; Ex. 34:6; Lam. 3:22-23]

II. Give Thanks for God's Past Deliverance (vv. 5-18)

- A. _____ for help—The Lord answers in distress (v. 5) [Psa. 34:17; Jon. 2:2; Phil. 4:6-7]
- B. _____ in the Lord—Faith over Fear (vv. 6-9) [Isa. 41:10; Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:6; Psa. 20:7; Jer. 17:5-7; Prov. 3:5-6]
- C. _____ and victory—The Lord is my strength and song (vv. 10-14) [Psa. 18:29; 2 Chron. 20:15; Isa. 59:19; Ex. 15:2; Psa. 27:1; Hab. 13:18-19]
- D. _____ and preservation—the Lord's loving discipline (vv. 15-18) [Psa. 126:2-3; 98:4; Heb. 12:10-11]

III. Give Thanks for God's Saving Work (vv. 19-25)

- A. Salvation is the _____ doing (vv. 19-23) [Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:7; Eph. 2:20]
- B. Salvation is a day to _____ in (v. 24) [Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:20; 1 Thes. 5:18; Neh. 8:10]
- C. Salvation produces humble _____ (v. 25) [Psa. 40:13; Matt. 14:30; Rom. 10:13]

IV. Give Thanks for God's Future Triumph (vv. 26-29)

- A. Jesus is the _____ King (v. 26) [Matt. 21:9; Lk. 13:35; Jn. 21:13]
- B. God's light will _____ forever (v. 27) [Num. 6:25; Psa. 27:1; Jn. 8:12; Rom. 12:1; Psa. 50:14; Heb. 13:15]
- C. Gratitude is the _____ song (vv. 28-29) [Psa. 63:1; Jn. 20:28; Psa. 136:1; Jms. 1:17]

TAKE HOME:

- Do you take time to remember and _____ God's past deliverance in your life, or do you quickly forget His faithfulness?
- How does the reality of God's enduring love _____ your attitude and actions toward others, especially in stressful or disappointing moments?
- What specific habits can you _____ to make thanksgiving a daily response to who God is, rather than a reaction to what I have?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Is my gratitude rooted in God’s unchanging character or only in my changing circumstances? (Psalm 118:1; Malachi 3:6)
2. How often do I pause to thank God for His steadfast love that endures forever? (Psalm 118:1, 29; Lamentations 3:22-23)
3. When faced with distress, do I call out to God first, trusting Him to deliver me? (Psalm 118:5; Psalm 34:17)
4. In moments of fear or anxiety, do I remember that the Lord is on my side? (Psalm 118:6; Romans 8:31)
5. Do I recognize God’s hand in my victories, giving Him the praise rather than taking credit myself? (Psalm 118:15-16; Psalm 98:4)
6. How do I respond to God’s discipline—do I see it as punishment or as loving correction for my good? (Psalm 118:18; Hebrews 12:10-11)
7. Is Jesus the cornerstone of my life, or am I building on something else? (Psalm 118:22; Ephesians 2:20)
8. Do I rejoice in the day of salvation, even when my circumstances are difficult? (Psalm 118:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
9. How can I make gratitude a daily habit, offering a continual sacrifice of praise to God? (Psalm 118:28-29; Hebrews 13:15)
10. Which one of the take home questions challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How can you live your life differently this Thanksgiving based on what you learned from Psalm 118?

“This is the day of days, the day of Jesus Christ’s resurrection — let us be glad and rejoice therein. It is the Lord’s doing; He has made it possible, He has ordained it, and in it He shall be glorified forever.”

- Charles H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David*