“This is the Day! Rejoice!!”

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Psalm 118:19-24
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Introduction

A. In a __________ world, every year would be __________ than the year before.
B. Let’s understand the situation King David was in at the time he wrote the verse.
   1. He was a man in a time of ________ with much ________ around him.
   2. The humanity in him cries out, “________ up.”
   3. The Spirit in him demands that he affirm God’s ________ and ________.
C. In a wonderful, magnificent blend, Psalm 118 expresses how we often ______ about
D. This Psalm has a powerful, __________ dimension.
E. Having noticed the context, let’s look at three revolutionary concepts found in verse

I. Today is the most ___________ ___________________ of your life.
   A. A person can avoid focusing on today by focusing on the ________ or on the ________
   B. Today is very special, because today is the ______ day you and I have to ______

   “Present Tense” by Jason Lehman

   “It was spring, But it was summer I wanted, The Warm days, And the great outdoors.
   It was summer, But it was fall I wanted, The colorful leaves, And the cool, dry air.
   It was fall, But it was winter I wanted, The beautiful snow, And the joy of the holiday season.
   It was winter, But it was spring I wanted, The warmth, And the blossoming of nature.
   I was a child, But it was adulthood I wanted, The freedom, And the respect.
   I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted, To be mature, And sophisticated.
   I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted, The youth, And the free spirit.
   I was retired, but it was middle-age I wanted, The presence of mind,
   Without limitations. My life was over.  But I never got what I wanted.”

   B. Today is very special, because today is the ______ day you and I have to ______ - tomorrow is not ______________.

II. The Sovereign Lord is ______ ______ this day.
   A. It should give us great ________ to know that God is with us, and that He is in ________, and that He is all-powerful!
   B. Perhaps God seems very ________ to you and your problems, but please understand that you are ______ the first person to feel that way.
   C. We are called to a faith that believes that God is ________, that He understands what we don’t understand, and that He ______ with us through the most painful and mysterious of tragedies, one day at a time, and in ways that go beyond our understanding.

III. You have a God-given instruction to be a _______________.
   A. The Bible commands us to be ________(Phil. 4:4; Gal. 5:22).
   B. God and God’s ________ produce joy in us (Ps. 118:15).
   C. Assignment: Begin each day with this declaration: “This is the ______ the Lord has ________, let us ________ and be ________ in it.”