

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 118

I. Praise on the Way to the Temple. 118:1-18

A. A Call to Thank the LORD for His Eternal Loyal Love. 1-4

1. A call to the people. 1
2. A call to Israel. 2
3. A call to the priests. 3
4. A call to all who fear the LORD. 4

B. The Psalmist is Grateful for the LORD's Support. 5-7

1. He is grateful for the LORD's deliverance. 5
2. He is confident in the LORD; free from anxiety. 6
3. He is confident in the LORD; expects victory over his enemies. 7

C. The Psalmist is Confident of Victory. 8-12

1. It's better to seek refuge in the LORD
 - a. Rather than in man. 8
 - b. Rather than in Rulers. 9
2. Though surrounded, he will triumph.
 - a. First statement. 10
 - b. Second statement. 11
 - c. Third statement. 12

D. The Psalmists' Gratitude for the LORD's Salvation. 13-18

1. Salvation from the violent enemy. 13-14
 - a. The LORD's help. 13
 - b. The LORD's salvation. 14
2. The salvation by the LORD's right hand. 15-16
 - a. Joyful shouts of salvation. 15
 - b. The exalted right hand of the LORD. 16

3. The description of salvation. 17-18
 - a. Surviving to praise the LORD. 17
 - b. Surviving the LORD's discipline. 18

II. Praise from Within the Temple. 118:19-29

A. Entering the Temple to Give Thanks. 19-21

1. Request to enter. 19
2. Permission granted to the righteous. 20
3. Thankful entrance. 21

B. Joy over the LORD's Rebuilt Temple. 22-24

1. The chief cornerstone. 22
2. The work of the LORD. 23
3. The cause for celebration. 24

C. The Prayer of the Worshipers. 25

1. For national salvation.
2. For national blessing.

D. Exchange of Blessings. 26

1. From those already in the courtyard.
2. From those who had just entered.

E. Thankful Call to Sacrifice. 27

1. Thanks to the LORD for His light.
2. The call to sacrifice.

F. Concluding Thanksgiving and Praise. 28-29

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