

Psalm 118

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
² Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”
³ Let the house of Aaron say:
“His love endures forever.”
⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say:
“His love endures forever.”
⁵ In my anguish I cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting me free.
⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
⁷ The LORD is with me; he is my helper.
I will look in triumph on my enemies.
⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
¹⁰ All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.
¹¹ They surrounded me on every side,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.
¹² They swarmed around me like bees,
but they died out as quickly as burning thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off.
¹³ I was pushed back and about to fall,
but the LORD helped me.
¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”
¹⁶ The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

¹⁷ I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ O LORD, save us;
O LORD, grant us success.
²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine upon us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Small Group & Personal Bible Study for Week of September 19th Pastor Dennis Hadley

Read Psalm 118:1-4

1. What does God’s love look like in your life?
Ask people in your group to share how God has shown His love in their lives in a personal way.

2. How has His love manifested itself in your life?
Continue to have people share about God demonstrating His love in tangible ways.

Read Psalm 118:5-18

3. How has God answered your prayer for help?
Let people share testimony of answered prayer. One thing that is good is to share and rejoice regularly as a group on how God has answered prayer requests. This is a great source of praise.

4. How do you need God’s help in your life now?
Let this question be a way to take prayer requests for the group. Be sensitive to the need to stop and pray on the spot for some circumstances.

5. How has God become your strength and your salvation?
Let people share how God has held them up in times of need and rescued them in their most desperate hours.

Read Psalm 118:19-27

6. How did God use punishment (chastened in verse 18) to get your attention so that He could really live?
This is part of our testimony. Not to reflect on the bad but to recognize that in all things, God is at work to draw us to Himself. He loves us and wants us desperately.

7. What was it like for you to enter His gates of righteousness when he became your salvation?
Have people share their salvation experience as a testimony of praise.

**Read Psalm 118:28-29 and worship God in a prayer of thanks and exaltation for He is good, His love endures forever.
Spend time as a group in worship together.**