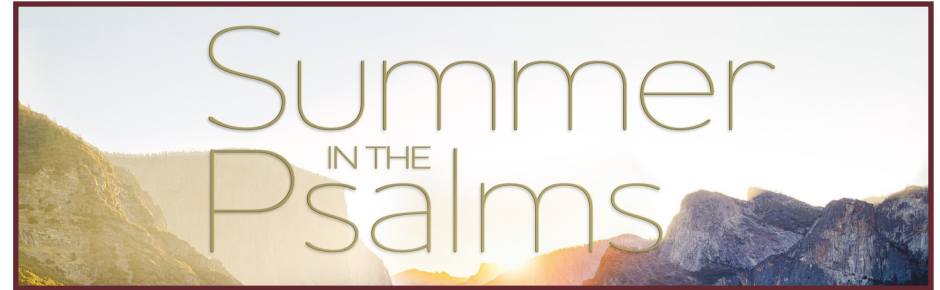


Reflection Questions: Do I regularly think about God's goodness & lovingkindness? Do I regularly thank Him for these things? Is God truly my God? Do I regularly extol him before others?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Psalm 118

Sermon
Notes

September 18, 2022

Quotes to Ponder

Psalm 118 is pre-eminently the triumph song of the Christ, He the ideal Servant, He the perfect Priest, He the Leader of the people. How much all these words meant to Him as He sang them on that night in the upper room.

G. Campbell Morgan

God does not prolong the lives of His people that they may pamper themselves with meat and drink, sleep as much as they please, and enjoy every temporal blessing, but to magnify Him for His benefits which He is daily heaping upon them.

John Calvin

You must learn to call on God. Do not sit by yourself or lie on a couch, hanging and shaking your head. Do not destroy yourself with your own thoughts by worrying... Say to yourself, "Come on, you lazy bum; down on your knees, and lift your eyes and hands towards heaven.

James Limburg

How precious are the last lines that David Livingstone penned in his diary before his boys found him kneeling beside his bed, dead, though in the attitude of prayer, the candle burning beside him: "My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, to Thee I again dedicate myself."

F.B. Meyer

Goodness is God's essence and nature, and therefore He is always to be praised whether we are receiving anything from Him or not. Those who only praise God because He does them good should rise to a higher note and give thanks to Him because He is good.

Charles Spurgeon

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What does *Psalm 118* teach us about God? About ourselves?

3. Read *Psalm 118:1*. Why are we to *give thanks to the Lord*? According to *Psalm 69:30*, what does our thanksgiving do?

4. What is repeated in *Psalm 118:1-4*?

How has God shown us this steadfast love?

When is hardest for you to remember or acknowledge God's goodness?

5. Read *Exodus 34:5-7*. How do the qualities of God revealed in these verses make God worthy of the response called for in the opening verses of *Psalm 118*?

6. What is repeated in *Psalm 118:6-7*? What does this mean for us?

7. Why is it better to take *refuge in the Lord* (*Psalm 118:8-9*) rather than to trust in man?

8. How was *the LORD Israel's strength, song, and salvation* (*Psalm 118:14; Exodus 15:2*)?

9. Read *Psalm 118:22-24*. In the context of the author, what is this referring to?

Who is responsible for it?

10. How do Peter and Paul use *Psalm 118:22* in the following verses?
Acts 4:11 — *1 Peter 2:4-8* —

Ephesians 2:20 —

11. How was Jesus rejected by the builders in the following verses?
Matthew 9:11 — *John 7:14-20* —

Luke 6:1-2 —

John 7:45-52 —

12. How do *Psalm 118:25-27* work in their historical context? How do they also point forward to Jesus?

13. Describe the overall tone and mood of this psalm. How does this compare with the scene when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (*Matthew 21:6-9*)?

14. In Jesus' parable in *Matthew 21:33-45*, what did the renters of the vineyard do that caused the Pharisees to react so strongly?

Why did they become even angrier after Jesus quoted *Psalm 118:22* (*Matthew 21:42-45*)?