

David's Thanksgiving

Psalm 118

November 22, 2009

The theme of Psalm 118 is "For His lovingkindness is everlasting," and we are exhorted to "Give thanks to the Lord." This song (psalm) of ascent was sung as pilgrims, the Jews, gathered at Jerusalem. Prepare to study this psalm by reading it aloud and read the responsive parts together.

1. A. Read Psalm 118:1–4. Is this section vertical, addressed to God, or horizontal, addressed to men?

B. When Christians are spirit filled, how will they speak to one another and respond to God?
Ephesians 5:18–20, Colossians 3:16–17

C. We are exhorted to give thanks. How might men, the spiritual leaders of their families, apply this exhortation in leadership on Thanksgiving Day?
Luke 21:33, Romans 1:16, 8:28, I Thessalonians 5:16–18
2. A. Why are we to give thanks?
Psalm 118:1

B. The Bible repeats itself and we should take note of it when it does. What is being celebrated?
Psalm 106:1, 107:1

C. Who is good or does good?
Psalm 14:1–3, 53:1–3, Mark 10:17–18, Romans 3:9–12, 7:18,
II Chronicles 7:1–3, Ezra 3:10–11
3. A. Who did David want to know "His lovingkindness is everlasting?"
Psalm 118:2–4, 115:9–11

B. If you trust the Lord, you will give thanks. Did David trust in the Lord? Are you trusting in Him?

Psalm 118:5-9, 56:3-4, Romans 8:31

C. Look again at verse 8 of Psalm 118. We either trust in the Lord, or we trust in man (ourselves). Could you find a more central verse to the message of the Scripture? If you counted the verses in the Bible and found the center, this is it. Have you taken "refuge in the Lord?"

4. A. David gives thanks in verses 19-21 of Psalm 118. How are these verses a framework for giving thanks?

B. What kind of gate is entered and who enters it?

Psalm 118:19-20, Matthew 7:13-14, John 10:7-9, Hebrews 10:19-20, I John 1:7

C. Notice in Psalm 118:19-21 the act of will on David's part. Will you "give thanks to the Lord" this week?

5. A. What takes place in Matthew 26:30 and what is the scene?

B. Psalm 118 is most likely the last song Jesus sang. Stop and think what it meant to Him to sing verses 22-27.

C. In light of what God has done for you, can you say personally Psalm 118:28-29?