

GLORY TO GOD & TO HIS ANOINTED ONE

Text: Psalm 118

INTRO: History records that Psalm 113 through 118 was traditionally sung by the Jews in connection with the Passover observance, so in all probability, Psalm was the “hymn” sung by Jesus & His apostles before they left the upper room the night Jesus instituted the Lord’s supper.

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives” (Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26).

I. THE PSALMIST SPEAKS OF THE PRAISE OF WHICH GOD IS WORTHY, vs. 1-4.

II. THE PSALMIST MAKES SEVERAL PERSONAL REFLECTIONS, VS. 5-21.

A. The Lord was with him in his trials, vs. 5-9.

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb. 13:5-6).

B. The Lord was with him in his triumphs, vs. 10-16.

C. The Lord was with him when he needed mercy and forgiveness, vs. 17-21.

III. THE PSALMIST SPEAKS PROPHETICALLY OF CHRIST, vs. 22-28.

A. Christ would be rejected by the leaders, but exalted by those who love God & obey His commands, vs. 22-23.

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. (Matt. 21:42-43).

Peter to the Sanhedrin: “This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.” (Acts 4:11).

Paul shows how believing Gentiles may partake of the privileges spurned by the Jewish rulers: “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Eph. 2:19-22).

B. The day which the Lord has made, vs. 24.

Two possibilities:

1. The Lord’s day, first day of the week, on which Christ rose from the dead, MK 16:9; the day on which the church was established, Acts 2:1-4, and the day on which the disciples came together to break bread, Acts 20:7.
2. OR possibly, the term “day” may be used in an extended sense to mean the whole gospel age, “the day of salvation,” 2 Cor. 6:2.

C. Christ will be praised

1. By those who are willing to submit to His righteous rule, vs. 25-28.

And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city

was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matt. 21:8-11)

2. Christ & His righteous rule will finally be recognized by even his most fierce enemies.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "
(Matt. 23:37-39).

IV. THE PSALM CONCLUDES AS IT BEGAN: WITH AN ADMONITION FOR ALL TO THANK GOD FOR HIS ENDURING MERCY, vs. 18.

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