

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-29

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Introduction:

- A. No one knows who the human writer of this Psalm was; and many different occasions have been set forth as the time.
 - B. It seems to have been written following some victory after a time of struggle and deprivation.
 - C. It is filled with hope and thanksgiving. The first and last verses are the same.
- I. LEARN THAT THANKSGIVING ALWAYS BEGINS WITH MERCY. vs. 1-4
 - A. Since man is totally depraved and helplessly lost, without mercy he could never stand in the presence of a righteous God. MAN IS IN DISTRESS. (v.5)
 - B. God's love paid our sin debt and grace extended mercy; and in that mercy we can claim the hope of a better life on earth and an eternal home in heaven with God.
 - C. No wonder the Psalmist spent the first four verses extoling the mercy of God.
 - II. LEARN THAT CALLING UPON GOD IS THE WAY INTO GREAT BLESSINGS. vs. 5-7
 - A. When the Psalmist found himself in distress, he called upon the Lord and the Lord answered him.
 - B. His distress was relieved and the Lord set him in a large place.
 - C. v.6 Now, the Lord is on MY SIDE and I have no fear of what man can do to me. (Matt. 10:28)
 - D. v.7 The Lord takes our part and we shall see our desire on those who hate us.
 - III. LEARN A MOST IMPORTANT LESSON FROM THE PSALMIST. vs. 8-13
 - A. It is better to trust in the Lord than in man. (Man will let you down; the Lord never will.)
 - B. It is better to trust in the Lord than in princes. (Princes are just men, powerful men, but men: they will let you down, the Lord never will.)
 - C. vs. 10-13 Know that in the NAME OF THE LORD, we can win the victory over any enemy. Maybe sometimes not in this life; BUT the final victory is ours in the Lord.
 - IV. LEARN THAT THE LORD IS ALL WE NEED. vs. 14-21
 - A. v. 14 claims the Lord as: my
 1. As my strength
 2. As my song
 3. As my salvation..(final deliverance)
 - B. v.15 In His presence in His tabernacle (church) we lift our voices in rejoicing and salvation.
 - C. vs. 15,16 It is by His right hand we blessed.
 - D. v.17 In Him I shall not die; but live and declare His works.
 - E. v.18 In Him we find correction and direction WITHOUT condemnation.
 - F. vs. 19-21 He is our access gate into righteousness and a life of praise.
 - V. LEARN WHO IS THIS LORD. vs. 22-27
 - A. v.22 He is the STONE rejected by the builders that has become the HEAD STONE OF THE CORNER.
 - B. v.25 He is our salvation and our enduring prosperity-,
 - C. v.26 He is the One who came out of the house of the Lord God. Out from the presence of God the Father.
 - D. v.27 He is God, Himself clothed in a human body.
 - E. v.27 He is the one who showed us great light.. I am the Light of the world and in Me there is no darkness at all
 - F. v.27 He is our SACRIFICE, the payment for our sin debt.

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VI. LEARN THAT ALL THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD.

- A. v.23 This is the Lord's doings ...all the work of the Lord.
- B. v.24 This is the day which the Lord has made.
 - 1. Not a 24 hour day..
 - 2. The day or age or dispensation of mercy and grace.

VII. LEARN WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE AND ACTIVITIES OF THOSE WHO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHO THE LORD IS AND WHAT HE HAD DONE.

- A. v.23 The rejected Stone is marvellous in our eyes.
- B. v.24 We will rejoice and be glad in this day that our Lord has made.
- C. v.25 We will call upon the Lord and look to Him for deliverance and prosperity.
- D. v.26 We will bless Jesus who came in the name of the Lord.
- E. v.28 We will claim Him as our God We will praise Him We will exalt Him.
- F. v.29 We will give thanks to the One who was and is and is to come for all He has done for us.