

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Save us, we pray, O Lord!**

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**for his steadfast love endures forever!"**

# Psalm 118

THE LOVE OF GOD AND OUR SALVATION

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1) Everything in us is flawed because of sin, God is perfect in His goodness and love.

2) God is our only refuge in death, all human efforts fall short.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ... "*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*"

3) The gates to salvation are open to all, but the entrance is narrow, through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

4) Because God loves us, He will not share us with others.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 ... "*For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*"

## **Responsive Reading - Psalm 118**

The congregation will read the words which are underlined and bold.

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Let the house of Aaron say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Let those who fear the LORD say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

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Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side;

**I will not fear. What can man do to me?**

The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.**

All nations surrounded me;

**in the name of the Lord I cut them off!**

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;

**in the name of the Lord I cut them off!**

They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns;

**in the name of the Lord I cut them off!**

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.

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The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
**the right hand of the Lord exalts,**

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.  
**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**