

**I. A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PSALM 118**

- A. **THE FINALE** (118:1-29; The (Egyptian) Hallel; 113-118; note: Great Hallel, 136; note: Ps.118, Luther's favorite)
- B. **VERY OFTEN USED AND VERY WELL KNOWN**
  - 1. Passover, Weeks & Booths (Lev.23); new moon (Num.29:6); Dedication (Jn.10:22)
  - 2. Passover meal: at beginning, 113,(114); at end, (114)115-118 (Mt.26:30; Mk.14:26; see Eph.5:19; Col.3:16)
- C. **PUBLIC PRAISE** (118:1-4,22-29; see 111:1,(10); 112:1,(9); 113:1,9; 114:7; 115:9f; 116:19; 117:1,2; 118:1,29)
- D. **CHRIST & IN CHRIST** (118:17,18; 22; see all below; see Lk.22:13f; 24:44)

**II. GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!** (Ps.118:1-29)

- A. **THE ESSENCE OF PRAISE** (1,29; see 1Chr.16:8,14; Ps.106:1; 107:1)
- B. **PUBLIC & UNIVERSAL PRAISE** (2-4; see 115:9-11)
- C. **IN PROCESSION TO JERUSALEM** (19f,27 /Jer.33:10,11 /repetitions antiphonal?; e.g.,6,7; 8,9; 10f; 15f)
- D. **INDIVIDUAL & REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE** (5-21; see Is.41:8; 42:1f; etc.)
  - 1. narrow → *called X answered* → broad (5; 18:6; see 4:1; Jon.2:2)
  - 2. the Lord is for me... (6; see 56:9; 4,11; Rom.8:31f; Heb.13:6)
  - 3. ... among those who help me vs. hate me (7; see 2f; see Eph.4:16)
  - 4. the Lord vs. philanthropists (8,9; see 6b!; 20:7)
  - 5. all nations surrounded (10-14; see 1Sam.14:47; 2Sam.7:1; 8:1f; see 1Sam.17:45!; note: *bees, thorns*)
  - 6. the great reversal (10f; 13,14; see Ex.15:2; Is.12:2; see Jer.16:14,15(23:7,8); see Acts 26:18; Col.1:13,etc.)
  - 7. joyful praise (15,16; 10f; see Ex.15:6; see Ps.4:3; 89:13; 98:1; see Eph.5:18-20; Col.3:16)
  - 8. live to tell (17; see 116:1-4,5f; 17; 16:10,11; Acts 2:11; Eph.2:1f,10)
  - 9. disciplined for life (18; see 119:71; Prov.19:18; Heb.12:4f; see Jer.16:14f; 29:10f; 33:10,11)
  - 10. enter His gates with thanksgiving (19-21; 27-29; see Ps.100:4,5!; 56:12; see Lev.3:1f; 7:11f)
- E. **CORPORATE REFLECTION** (22-28)
  - 1. humiliation & exaltation (22,26 /Ex.1:8f/13:7f; 15:12f /Acts 7:35f /Jer.33:10,11; Ezk.37:1f /Ezra,Neh.)
  - 2. the Lord's doing (23; see 1; 5; 10-12; 13,14; 15,16; 17,18)
  - 3. rejoice & be glad (24; see 14,15; see D,6 above)
  - 4. please!!!! (25 (4x); 21,5; see 17a; note: 25a, "*hosan-na*" = save please)
  - 5. blessed the one who comes in the name of the Lord (26; see 19; 10-12; see Ex.15:1f; see Ezr.2-5; Neh.7,12; Hag.1,2; Zech.4; see Mt.1:12,13)

**III. THE GLORY OF CHRIST IN PSALM 118!**

- A. **SUNG BY THE LORD** (Mt.26:30 (Heb.12:2); see Eph.5:19; Col.3:16)
- B. **DISTRESS, SURROUNDED** (5f,10f; see Ps.22:1f,16; Mk.3:6,etc.; Mt.27:35)
- C. **DISCIPLINED SEVERELY** (18a; see Is.53:5f,10f; Mt.26:28; 2Cor.5:21; 1Pt.2:24)
- D. **NOT DIE BUT LIVE & TELL** (17,18b; see Ps.22:19; Mt.16:21,etc.; Acts 2:22f,33,11,etc.)
- E. **OPEN THE GATES FOR ME** (19-21; see Heb.9:11f; 10:19f; 13:15)
- F. **HUMILIATION & EXALTATION** (22 /Mt.21:42=Mk.12:10f=Lk.20:17 /Acts 4:11 /Eph.2:20(Mt.16:18); 1Pt.2:7)
- G. **THE LORD'S DOING; MARVELOUS** (23; see Acts 2:24,32; 3:15,26; 4:10,11; etc.!; Rm10:9; Col.2:12, etc!)
- H. **BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES** (26 /Heb.3; Mt.1:12,13 /Mt21:9(23:39)=Mk11:9=Lk19:38(13:35)=Jn12:13)
- I. **BLESSING** (27a; see Num.6:23f; Lk.24:50f; 2Cor.13:14)

**IV. GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH JOY & GLADNESS!** (24; 1&29; 2-28; see Lk.24:1; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2)

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Brethren, what shall **WE** do?* (see Acts 2:37f)