



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Psalm 118:1-29 (NAS)

Topic: "Salvation: The Source of a Thankful Heart"

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Oh let Israel say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- 3 Oh let the house of Aaron say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- 4 Oh let those who fear the LORD say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- 5 From my distress I called upon the LORD; The LORD answered me and set me in a large place.
- 6 The LORD is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.
- 11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.
- 12 They surrounded me like bees; They were extinguished as a fire of thorns; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off.
- 13 You pushed me violently so that I was falling, But the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.
- 15 The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 17 I will not die, but live, And tell of the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it.
- 21 I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You.
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

### **INTRODUCTION: BACKGROUND ON THE PSALM**

- A. Often Quoted *Jeremiah 33:11; Ezekiel 3:11; Matthew 21:42*
- B. The Last Of Hallel Psalms Sung At The Passover
- C. Theme Found In The Opening And Closing Verses

### **I. CALL TO PRAISE GOD'S GRACE**

- A. Israel – The Church
- B. House Of Aaron – Leaders Of Worship
- C. Those Who Fear The Lord – Authentic Praise
- D. It Is Our Greatest Need *Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 2:3; John 3:36*

### **II. GOD USES TRIALS TO SHOW US OUR NEED**

- A. Fervent Prayer Comes Out Of Trial
- B. The Enemy May Attack In The Midst Of Trial *Matthew 10:28; Romans 8:31,32*
- C. Our Trust Must Be Placed In God Alone

### **III. EXPERIENCING GOD'S SALVATION**

- A. Becomes The Believer's Strength And Song
- B. He Desires To Tell Others
- C. Access To God Through Christ's Righteousness *Philippians 2:8-10*
- D. We Are Called To Revel In God's Everlasting Love