

Sunday Night Message

April 24, 2016

Psalm 118

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 118

Introduction

This psalm is sandwiched in between the shortest psalm and chapter of the Bible, and the longest psalm and chapter in the Bible.

The phrase, “his mercy endureth for ever appears 5 times in this psalm (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 29). That phrase appears 26 times in Psalm 136.

There are a few repeated words and phrases in this psalm (vs. 1 – 4; 10 – 12; 15 – 16). This psalm was intended for public worship.

This is the last of the “Halel” group of psalms.

It is possible that the context of this psalm surrounds the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. The psalm mentions gates (vs. 19 – 20), and building (v. 22). There are enemies mentioned (vs. 10 – 14; See Nehemiah 2:19 – 20; 4:1 – 9; 6:1 – 9)

It is also believed that this was possibly the song that was sung by Jesus and the disciples on the night before the crucifixion. (See Matthew 26:30)

Notice v. 22, which prophetically refers to the Lord Jesus (Matthew 21:42 – 44; Acts 4:11; Romans 9:32 – 33; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Peter 2:6 – 8; Ephesians 2:19 – 22)

I The Proclamation of a Principle (vs. 1 – 4)

The principle is God’s mercy endures forever. The psalmist first declares the principle and then commands three different groups of people to proclaim (“say) the principle.

II The Possession of Confidence (vs. 5 – 19)

The psalmist here expresses confidence in what the Lord will do for him in the future based upon what he has already done for him in the past.

III The Promise of Praise (vs. 19 – 29)

Notice vs. 19, 24, 28