

"This is the Day! Rejoice!!"

Psalm 118:19-24

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Introduction

- A. In a _____ world, every year would be _____ than the year before.
- B. Let's understand the situation King David was in at the time he wrote the verse.
 - 1. He was a man in a time of _____ with much _____ around him.
 - 2. The humanity in him cries out, "_____ up."
 - 3. The Spirit in him demands that he affirm God's _____ and _____.
- C. In a wonderful, magnificent blend, Psalm 118 expresses how we often _____ about _____.
- D. This Psalm has a powerful, _____ dimension.
- E. Having noticed the context, let's look at three revolutionary concepts found in verse 24.

I. Today is the most _____ of your life.

- A. A person can avoid focusing on today by focusing on the _____ or on the _____, but that is not where God wants us to _____.

"Present Tense" by Jason Lehman

"It was spring, But it was summer I wanted, The Warm days, And the great outdoors.

It was summer, But it was fall I wanted, The colorful leaves, And the cool, dry air.

It was fall, But it was winter I wanted, The beautiful snow, And the joy of the holiday season.

It was winter, But it was spring I wanted, The warmth, And the blossoming of nature.

I was a child, But it was adulthood I wanted, The freedom, And the respect.

I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted, To be mature, And sophisticated.

I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted, The youth, And the free spirit.

I was retired, but it was middle-age I wanted, The presence of mind,
Without limitations. My life was over. But I never got what I wanted."

- B. Today is very special, because today is the _____ day you and I have to _____ - tomorrow is not _____.

II. The Sovereign Lord is _____ this day.

- A. It should give us great _____ to know that God is with us, and that He is in _____, and that He is all-powerful!
- B. Perhaps God seems very _____ to you and your problems, but please understand that you are _____ the first person to feel that way.
- C. We are called to a faith that believes that God is _____, that He understands what we don't understand, and that He _____ with us through the most painful and mysterious of tragedies, one day at a time, and in ways that go beyond our understanding.

III. You have a God-given instruction to be a _____.

- A. The Bible commands us to be _____ (Phil. 4:4; Gal. 5:22).
- B. God and God's _____ produce joy in us (Ps. 118:15).
- C. Assignment: Begin each day with this declaration: "This is the _____ the Lord has _____, let us _____ and be _____ in it."

Answer Key: Intro. A. Perfect, better. B.1. crisis, conflict. B.2. give. B.3. goodness, love. C. feel, life. D. corporate. I. important, day. I.A. past, future, dwell. I.B. only, live, guaranteed. II. with, you. II.A. comfort, charge. II.B. remote, not. II.C. good, walks. III. Joyful, person. III.A. joyful. III.B. works. III.C. day, made, rejoice, glad.