

# ***“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.