### The Pathway To Victory Psalm 108

Greetings from Joan and I, so glad to be with you all this morning! I bring you a word today that is vitally needed at this time. This word began to arise in me after hearing the song "Raise A Hallelujah!" It was a reminder of where our victory comes, how we fight our battles, how we overcome... so from Psalm 108 I want to share with you (1.) The Pathway To Victory

(2.) My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! <sup>2</sup> Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! <sup>3</sup> I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. <sup>4</sup> For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. <sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

## <mark>(3.)</mark> <u>A HEART FIXED ON PRAISE</u>

- V. 1 Sing & make melody with all my being: glory (tongue Ps. 45:1), whole soul
- V. 2 Priority AWAKE oh my soul and PRAISE HIM who alone is worthy!
- V. 3 Declaration of thanksgiving & praise to all
- V. 4 Praising HIS Character LOVE & FAITHFULNESS Psalm 22:3 Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

V. 5 – Praise leading to prayer – Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done!

(4.) <sup>6</sup> That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer me! <sup>7</sup> God has promised in His holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth. <sup>8</sup> Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim is My helmet, Judah My scepter. <sup>9</sup> Moab is My washbasin; upon Edom I cast My shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

<sup>10</sup> Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? <sup>11</sup> Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. <sup>12</sup> Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man!

## <mark>(5.)</mark> <u>A HEART FOCUSED IN PRAYER</u>

V. 6 – Faith in HIS character (YOUR beloved) & in HIS ability (YOUR right hand) Salvation, deliverance by the RIGHT HAND OF GOD (Eph. 2:6 & 1 Pet. 5:6-7) V. 7-9 – Promises; HE is faithful to HIS Word, HIS promises are true – establishes what HE has done (v. 7-8) and what HE will do (v. 9)

V. 10-11 – Transparently; the question is are you with us or not Focus on what has happened or faith in HIS promises

Edom – rock city of Petra <mark>(6. Photo of only entrance to Petra)</mark>

V. 12 – Humility; 1 Peter 5:6-7; James 4:7-8

(7.) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Humility – degrees of acknowledging how much you/I need HIM! Being constantly desperate for more of GOD is the full measure of humility

(8.) <sup>13</sup> With God we shall do valiantly; it is He who will tread down our foes.

## <mark>(9.)</mark> <u>A HEART DECLARING TRUTH</u>

#### With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes. Valiant = strength, ability, bravery – the courage to stand and face our enemies with the strength to defeat them

**Assured victory! Our enemy is already defeated – Colossians 2:15; 1 Peter 3:22** (10.) And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

#### THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST THE CHURCH Matthew 16:18-19

#### RISE UP OH MAN AND WOMAN OF GOD AND TAKE HOLD OF THE VICTORY SECURED FOR YOU BY YOUR GREAT AND AWESOME SAVIOR AND LORD JESUS CHRIST!

# **RAISE A HALLELUJAH!!!**