

LIVING THE LIFE OF PROPER RESPONSE
Sermon Series: “Living The Psalms Together”
(A year-long study through The Psalms)

Psalm 118
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*Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!** ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” **Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)***

4 Practical Responses to Everyday Life

1. IN EVERY SITUATION THANK THE LORD (vss. 1-4)

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” **Psalm 118:1-4 (ESV)***

*“I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.” **Romans 9:1-5 (ESV)***

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...” **Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)***

2. IN EVERY CRISIS TRUST THE LORD (vss. 5-14)

*“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” **Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV)***

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph 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 cut them off! ¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! ¹² They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” **Psalm 118:5-14 (ESV)**

3. AFTER EVERY VICTORY GLORIFY THE LORD (vss. 15-21)

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!” ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds 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, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.” **Psalm 118:15-21 (ESV)**

“And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.” **Nehemiah 12:47 (ESV)**

4. IN EVERY EXPERIENCE SEE THE LORD (vss. 22-29)

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.** ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” **Psalm 118:25-29 (ESV)**

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” **Matthew 21:42-44 (ESV)**

⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” **1 Peter 2:6-8 (ESV)**

Over 2000 years ago Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey proclaiming the coming of Kingdom of God. People shouted, “*Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*” Jesus is now in His Kingdom and on His throne as King; will you today surrender your life to His Lordship and make Him the King of your life?