



ISRAEL'S GREATEST HITS VOLUME II

The Lord is My Strength
Psalm 118

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Psalm 118

1. Be _____ because _____
(vv.1-4)

1 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." 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.

2. Be _____ because _____
(vv.5-13)

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.

3. Be _____ because _____
(vv.14-18)

14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. 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.

4. Be _____ because _____
(vv.19-29)

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. 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! (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 John 3:14-24** and **2 Corinthians 13:5**. While everyone wants to assume they are "fine with God" and that "God loves them and they love God," why do you think many fail to examine themselves to see if this is so?
2. Read **Romans 8:29-39**. How do you think a genuine, mindful, confident assurance of God's love changes the way the average Christian acts, feels, and makes decisions from day to day?
3. Read **Proverbs 28:1** and **Hebrews 13:5-6**. What are some of the negative effects of fear and anxiety in our everyday lives?
4. Read **Psalms 5:11-12** and **1 Chronicles 16:26**. How joyful would people say you are? How can you ensure your joy is based on the right things?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

July 7th
Job 35-37 & Ac. 14

July 8th
Job 38-39 & Ac. 15:1-21

July 9th
Job 40-42 & Ac. 15:22-41

July 10th
Ps. 1-3 & Ac. 16:1-15

July 11th
Ps. 4-6 & Ac. 16:16-40

July 12th
Ps. 7-9 & Ac. 17:1-15

July 13th
Ps. 10-12 & Ac. 17:16-34

July 14th
Ps. 13-16 & Ac. 18

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Nehemiah 4:1-6**. Hopefully you were at Compass last week for our time of prayer and thanksgiving in 145 Columbia. In light of the fledgling stages of this project, write out a prayer that expresses your desire for unity, joy, and support—knowing we may encounter critics and naysayers along the way.

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 15-21 – **Asking with Confidence in a Good God**
- Msg. 10-20 – **Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**
- Msg. 08-27 – **A Template of Heroic Faith**
- Msg. 19-08 – **When in Doubt**
- Msg. 12-40 – **The Prince of Peace & the Future of Planet Earth**
- Msg. 07-10 – **Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World**
- Msg. 16-02 – **The Fear of Having Nothing**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Adams, Jay. **What Do You Do When You Worry All the Time?** P & R Publishing, 1975.
- Epp, Theodore H. **Present Labor and Future Rewards: The Believer, His Sin, Conduct & Rewards.** BTTB, 1960.
- Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs.** The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
- Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century.** Baker Books, 1996.
- Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life.** Christian Focus, 1998.
- Lane, Timothy. **Living Without Worry: How to Replace Anxiety with Peace.** The Good Book Company, 2015.
- Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **A Life of Joy and Peace: An Exposition of Philippians.** Baker Books, 1995.
- Mack, Wayne and Joshua Mack. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear.** P & R Publishing, 2014.
- Owen, John. **Rules for Walking in Fellowship.** Reformation Heritage Books, 2014.
- Pritchard, Ray. **An Anchor for the Soul: Help for the Present, Hope for the Future.** Moody Press, 2000.
- Rose Publishing. **Bible Promises of Hope and Courage.** Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again.** Word Publishing, 1996.
- Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home.** Zondervan, 1997.
- Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs.** Baker Books, 2001.