Delighting in GOD'S MARVELOUS VICTORIES

Psalm 118

First Scripture Reading

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The Main Point of Psalm 118

- 1. Psalm 118 is the grand finale of "The Egyptian Hallel" (Psalms 113-118)—it was sung at Passover.
- 2. Psalm 118 has bookends (verses 1 and 29)—it thanks God for his persistent love.
- 3. Psalm 118 has a center in verses 15-16—it focuses on God's powerful victory.
- 4. Psalm 118 has a climax in verses 19-24—it's where God's king, after being hated and tested yet victorious, enters God's presence and brings all his people in with him.

The Main Point of Psalm 118

God's people delight in the marvelous victories that God works for his chosen king—victories which show God's love, in which we share, and over which we'll forever rejoice.

Second Scripture Reading

PSALM 118

After Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, "they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives."

— Matthew 26:30

The Third Reading of Psalm 118

- 1. Psalm 118 has 43 references to the Lord in 29 verses—it's saturated with delight in the victory that God has given to his king.
- 2. Psalm 118:6-7 is quoted in Hebrews 13:6—it's why we can be content even in suffering.
- 3. Psalm 118:22-23 was quoted by Jesus and his apostles—it ultimately refers to the King's crucifixion and resurrection as the only way to enter God's presence (Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7).
- 4. Psalm 118:24 is one of the best-known verses in the Bible—it refers to the day of God's victory.
- 5. Psalm 118:26 will be the song of ultimate victory—it'll be sung on the day of Jesus's glorious return (Matthew 23:39).