

Questions to Consider—With the Master on Our Knees—Psalm 118—The Prayer Before the Cross—Lesson 23

1. (a) Read Psalm 118. What are the Psalmist's attitudes during his time of distress? (b) Are these your attitudes when going through a distressing time? (c) According to Psalm 118, how do you think the Psalmist was able to have those attitudes?

2. Memorize Psalm 118:24

3. (a) Psalm 118 was perhaps written during the time of Ezra, and could be the song mentioned in Ezra 3:11. What things do you see in Ezra chapter three that would coincide with Psalm 118? (b) Why was Ezra written?

4. (a) The Psalmist says in Psalm 118:6 that he will not be afraid of man. Why should we have no fear of man according to Isaiah 51:11-13; Jeremiah 20:10-13; Matthew 10:28 and Romans 8:31-39? (b) Whom should we fear and why?

5. (a) Read Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:10, 11; Ephesians 2:20-22, and 1 Peter 2:4-8. What do these verses have in common? (b) Who is the chief cornerstone? (c) Why do you think this truth is mentioned in Psalm 118:22, 23?

6. (a) Recall a time when you put your trust in man above God. What was the result and what did you learn? (b) Recall a time when you put your trust in God above man? What was the result and what did you learn?

7. (a) Looking back over your life, what has been your most difficult day? (b) Were you able to say "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it?" (c) If not, what things can you begin to do now that would enable you to say that if God allowed another very difficult day in your future? (See Psalm 112:7)

8. What difficulty are you going through this day? Take one verse from Psalm 118 and write a prayer request for yourself that will help you as you face this difficulty.