



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

Passage: Psalm 118

Title: The Day the Lord has Made

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Discussion Starter – “His mercy, (cheched) endures forever” is repeated 4 times in this psalm. The Hebrew word, cheched, is used 240 times in the OT, and is translated loving-kindness, steadfast love, grace, mercy, faithfulness, goodness, and devotion. Is this how you imagine God thinks of you? How does this proper understanding of God’s fundamental character influence your relationship with Him?

Read Psalm 118:1-4

1. Do you ever consider the depth of concern and thoughtfulness God has for you as described in the fulness of the word “mercy”? What is your natural reaction and response to God’s enduring mercy?
 - a. Is God’s enduring mercy enough for you to live a thankful life? What challenges or expectations in your life create or fuel an entitled heart?
2. What three groups are encouraged to declare God’s mercy? Which group includes you?

Read Psalm 118:5-14

3. During what circumstances does the psalmist declare that the Lord will come to his aid?
 - b. Why is it difficult to believe that God wants to bless us? How would your life differ if you walked in confidence that God is for you in all situations, (Romans 8:31)?
4. What options other than the Lord are given in verses 8-9 in which we can place trust?
 - c. What characteristics are apparent in a life that trusts in the Lord? (about 10 were given in the message). How can you cultivate these characteristics in your life?
5. What adverse behaviors might become dominant in a life that trusts in the wisdom of man or his institutions?
6. How do these verses speak of Jesus’ life of obedience to the Father’s will? How does Jesus’ faithfulness empower us to overcome our life’s challenges and walk in faithful reliance on His mercy?

Read Psalm 118:15-29

7. What evidence do we have of God’s strong right hand? What confidence do we have in it, (verse 17)?
 - d. Jesus is described as “the door”, “the gate”, and “the way” in John’s gospel. What does it mean to go in through the gates of righteousness? What is the reward for those who enter?
8. Portions of this psalm are quoted many times in the New Testament. How has your study of Psalm 118 grown your understanding of God’s character and what He has accomplished for you to “open the gates of righteousness” and “giving us light”?