



PSALM 118

God's Rescue Mission
Our Response

Authors of Psalms

- David - 73 attributed
- Asaph wrote 12 psalms (50, 73 – 83)
- Korah's descendants (42, 44-49, 84 – 85, 87)
- Solomon (72, 127)
- Ethan (89)
- Heman (88)
- Moses (90)
- Anonymous: all others

Location in Hebrew Bible

- Writings (Psalms)
- Luke 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Style of Writing

- **Synonymous.** The second line repeats the truth of the first line.
 - Example: *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein” (Psa. 24:1)*
- **Antithetic.** The thought of the first line is emphasized by a contrasting thought of the second.
 - Example: *“For the Lord knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish” (Psa. 1:6).*
- **Synthetic.** The second line explains or adds to the first.
 - Example: *“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul” (Psa.19:7a).*



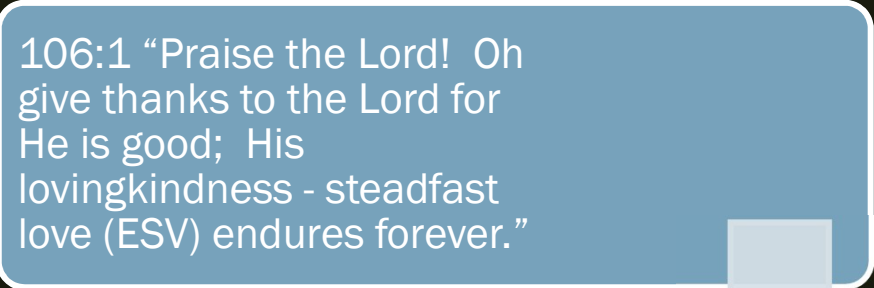
Psalm 118: Background

- No author given. Holy Spirit is the ultimate author (Heb. 3:7)
- Hallel (Praise) Psalms - a portion of the service for certain Jewish festivals, consisting of Psalms 113–118.
 - *Sung during the Passover feast (Mt. 26:30) “after singing a hymn”*

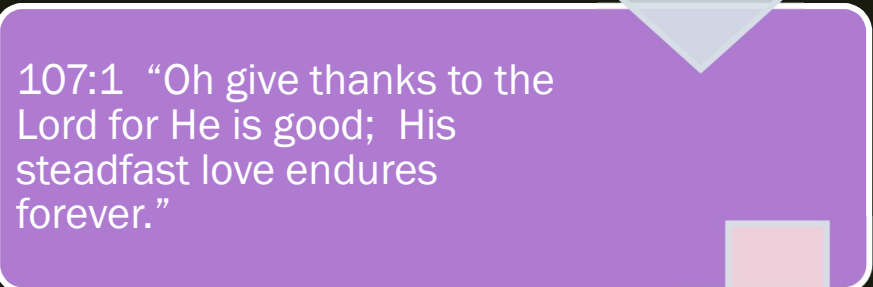
Psalm 118: Background

- By whom and for whom was it written?
 - *Individual* – sounds so much like David fleeing from enemies. (Psa. 56)
 - *National* – reminiscent of Israel's oppression in Egypt and God's rescue operation.
 - *Messianic* – it certainly has reference to the Messiah because Christ quotes it in reference to Himself - (Mt. 21:42 – 46).

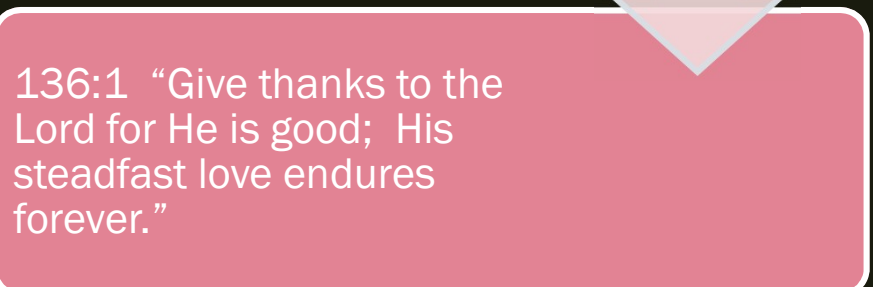
106:1 "Praise the Lord! Oh
give thanks to the Lord for
He is good; His
lovingkindness - steadfast
love (ESV) endures forever."



107:1 "Oh give thanks to the
Lord for He is good; His
steadfast love endures
forever."



136:1 "Give thanks to the
Lord for He is good; His
steadfast love endures
forever."



God's
steadfast
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Psalm
118:1-4

God's steadfast love is everlasting


Psalm 118:1 - 4

- Matthew 9:13 “I desire *mercy – steadfast love – loyalty* - rather than sacrifice.”
 - *God wants from us what He offers to us.*
 - (Hosea 6:6) “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

God's steadfast love is everlasting

Psalm 118:2 - 4

- Let Israel say: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."
- Let the house of Aaron – Levites say: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."
- Let those who fear the Lord say: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."
- Cf. Psalm 115:9 - 11



The Crisis and Response Psalm 118:5 - 9

- Called out in distress - Hebrew - “tight” tight place – stress
 - *Distress means pressure, confinement, so the figure for relief is a wide room, ample space*
 - God removes the pressure
 - *The favor of God infinitely outweighs the hatred of men*

The Crisis and Responses

Psalm 118:10 - 14



They surrounded me
(10 – 12)



But the Lord helped me
(13)



The Lord is my strength,
song and salvation (14)



Right Hand of the
Lord (15 – 16)

God strongly
intervenes
in the affairs
of men.



Psa. 118: 18 “The Lord has
disciplined me severely, but
He has not given me over to
death.”



Prov. 3:12 – Hebrews 12:6
“For the Lord disciplines the
one he loves and chastises
every son whom he receives.”

Limit to the Lord's Discipline (Psalm 118: 15 – 18)

Entering the Gates of Righteousness (19 – 21)

- Righteous people enter His gates to give thanks to the Lord (vs. 19 – 21)
- Matthew 7:14 “Narrow Gate” “For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”
- Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Marvelous Work of the Lord (Psalm 118:22 – 27)

- Predicts the Work of Christ:
- Vs. 22: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
- Matt. 21:42 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."

(Psalm 118:22 – 27)
“This is the Day”

- (118:24 – 26) “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.”
- (Mt. 21:9 – 11) “And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

The Festal Sacrifice (Psalm 118: 27)

Exodus 12:3 “Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the **tenth day** of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' ~~houses, a lamb for a household.~~”

12:5 “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 12:6 and you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.” (1 Cor. 5:7)





Completes the song of Moses begun in v. 14 “ Lord is my strength and song” (Ex. 15:2)



The Song ends v. 29 the way it began v. 1. “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.”

Praise and Give
Thanks to the
Lord
Psalm 118:
28 – 29

A person wearing a red coat is standing next to a vintage suitcase. The person's hand is resting on the suitcase. The suitcase is light-colored with dark brown leather straps and corners. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape. The text "GOD BLESS YOU" is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font. The entire image is framed by a dark, semi-transparent overlay with white L-shaped corner brackets in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

GOD BLESS YOU