

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 2

Psalm 118:1- 16 Lesson #12

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Psalms before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

1-4 Oh, give thanks to the **Lord, for He is GOOD! Because His MERCY endures forever.** Let Israel now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’ Let the house of Aaron now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’ Let those who fear the Lord now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’

•**Psalm 136:1-3** “Oh, give _____ to the Lord, for He is _____ !
For His _____ forever. Oh, give _____
to the God of gods! For His _____ forever. Oh, give
_____ to the _____ of _____ ! For His _____
_____ forever.”

Definition: “The Lord, for He is GOOD! Because His MERCY endures forever” – These Psalms, repeating the phrase **“Because His MERCY endures forever,”** were used in worship. Probably, the one reading the Psalm would say the first part of the verse, and the people in the congregation would repeat after each time, saying, **“Because His MERCY endures forever.”**

•**Psalm 31:19** “Oh, how great is Your _____, which You have laid up for them that fear (reverence) You; which You have wrought for them that _____ in _____ before the sons of men.”

•**Psalm 34:8** “Oh, taste and _____ that the Lord is _____; blessed is the man who _____ in You.”

•**Exodus 33:18-19** “And [Moses] said, ‘Please, show me Your _____. Then He said, ‘I will make all My _____ pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the _____ before you. I will be _____ to whom I will be _____, and I will have _____ on whom I will have _____.’”

•**Exodus 34:5-7** “And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the _____ of the _____. And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, ‘The _____, the _____ God, _____ and _____, longsuffering, and abundant in _____ and truth, keeping _____ for thousands, _____ iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty.’”

•**I Chronicles 16:34** “O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is _____; for His _____ endures _____.”

5-6 I called on the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. **The Lord is on my side; I will NOT FEAR. What can man do to me?**

•**Hebrews 13:5-6** “Let your _____ be without covetousness, and be _____ with what you _____. For _____ Himself has said, ‘I will _____ you, nor _____ you’, so we may _____ say, ‘The _____ is my _____; I will _____.’ What can _____ do to _____?”

•**Romans 8:31** “What then shall we say to these things? If God is _____ us, who can be _____ us?”

Definition: “The Lord is on my side; I will NOT FEAR. What can MAN do to me?” – If God is

on our side, and is our defender, who can come against us? They may try, but they will ultimately fail, because God is our Protector. We do not need to be afraid of anyone or anything as long as we are walking rightly with the Lord. Yes, there are times when God's people suffer persecution and even die for their faith in Christ, but they are still victorious, because death just ushers them into the presence of God in heaven. Jesus said we are not to fear what any human being can do to us, because **they can ONLY KILL the PHYSICAL BODY, but the spirit and soul are taken immediately to be with the Lord if that person is a believer in Christ.**

- **Psalm 34:7** "The _____ of the Lord encamps all around those that fear _____ (reverence) Him, and _____ them."
- **Proverbs 1:33** "But whoever listens to _____ will dwell _____, and will be _____, without _____ of _____."
- Psalm 34:4 & 6** "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and _____ me from _____ my _____. This poor man cried out, and the _____ heard him, and _____ him out of _____ his _____."
- **Psalm 27:1** "The Lord is my _____ and my _____; whom shall I _____? The Lord is the _____ of my _____; of whom shall I be _____?"
- **Matthew 10:28** "And do not _____ those who _____ the _____ but cannot kill the _____. But rather fear _____ who is able to destroy both _____ and in _____."

Definition: "FEAR Him who is able to destroy both SOUL and BODY in HELL" – We know that the believer in Jesus Christ will go directly to be with Him at death, but this verse is talking about the non-believer. Those who do not know Christ will be cast into hell for all eternity to suffer torment in both their bodies and their souls. Jesus taught and preached MORE about hell than He did about heaven! Hell is a real place, and **God does NOT want you to go there!** However, it is the place where **"those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" will have to spend eternity, "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (II Thessalonians 1:8-9).** Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:41 that God originally prepared hell as a place for Satan and the fallen angels, not for mankind: "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into **EVERLASTING FIRE prepared for the devil and his angels.**'" Many people ask the question, "Why does God send anybody to hell?" when the real question we should ask is "Why does God SAVE ANYBODY at all?" **EVERYONE on this EARTH is a SINNER and ALREADY on their way to HELL!** God, in His great love and mercy, has **provided a WAY OF ESCAPE** through believing on **His Son Jesus Christ!** If anyone rejects or ignores **God's ONLY WAY of ESCAPE from hell,** and if proud, rebellious individuals shake their fists at God, and insist **"I'll do it MY WAY!"** then it is their OWN FAULT that they end up in hell for all eternity — God did not WANT them to go there.

- **II Peter 3:9** "The Lord is _____ slack (slow) concerning His _____, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering (patient) toward us, _____ willing (wanting) that _____ should _____ but that _____ should come to _____."
- **I Timothy 2:3-4** "For this is _____ and acceptable in the sight of _____ our Savior, who _____ men to be _____ and to come to the _____ of the _____."
- **John 3:36** "He who believes in the _____ has _____; and he who does _____ believe the Son shall _____ see _____, but the _____ of God abides (remains) on him."
- **John 3:18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does _____ believe is _____ already, because he has _____ in the _____ of the only begotten _____ of _____."

7-9 The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore **I shall see my DESIRE on those who HATE me.** It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

•**Romans 12:17-21** “_____ no one _____ for _____. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is _____, as much as _____ on _____, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do _____ avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘_____ is _____, I will _____,’ says the Lord. Therefore if your _____ hungers, _____ him; if he thirsts, give him a _____; for in so doing you will heap _____ of _____ on his head. Do _____ be overcome by evil, but _____ evil with _____.”

Definition: “I shall see my DESIRE on those who HATE me” – Remember, the writer of this psalm who is speaking was under the Old Covenant (Old Testament). We, as believers in Jesus Christ, are under the New Covenant, and **Jesus taught us to LOVE our ENEMIES and do good to those who hate us.** When we do good to those who hate us, it gives God an opening to show them His love, and to bring them under conviction of their sin (that’s what it means by “heap coals of fire on his head”). However, these verses where the psalmist calls on God to judge his enemies can still give us comfort. The truly evil people, who will never repent, will surely be judged by God and punished for their wickedness and sin. **We are not to seek revenge for ourselves, though, but leave it up to God.**

•**Luke 6:27-28** “But I say to you who hear: _____ your _____, do _____ to those who _____ you, _____ those who _____ you, and _____ for those who spitefully _____ you.”

Definition: “LOVE your ENEMIES, do GOOD to those who HATE you” – 1.) LOVE YOUR ENEMIES - **I Corinthians 13:4-8** describes what that love should be like. **Romans 5:5** tells us God has given us that love through the Holy Spirit Who lives in us. See also **Ephesians 4:30-32**. 2.) BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU - Blessing someone means how we speak of them (this involves your mouth!). The Greek word for "bless" here means to "speak well of". Read **James 3:9-10, Ephesians 4:29-32, Romans 12:14**. 3.) DO GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU - This involves our actions (the Greek word means "deal honestly"). "And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way." **Luke 6:31**. Also read **Romans 12:17-21**. 4.) PRAY FOR THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU - Pray especially for their salvation. See **I Timothy 2:1-4 and II Timothy 2:24-26**.

10-14 All nations surrounded me, but **in the NAME of the LORD I will destroy them.** They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. They surrounded me like bees; they were quenched like a fire of thorns; for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but **the Lord helped me. The Lord is my STRENGTH** and my song, and He has become my salvation.

•**Psalm 23:4-5** “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will _____ no _____; for You are _____ me; Your rod and Your staff, they _____ me. You prepare a table before me in the _____ of my _____; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.”

•**Psalm 145:20** “The Lord _____ all who _____ Him, but all the wicked (unsaved) He will _____.”

•**II Corinthians 10:3-5** “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not _____ according to the flesh. For the _____ of our _____ are not carnal (merely HUMAN) but mighty in God for pulling down _____, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into _____ to the obedience of Christ.”

Definition: "In the NAME of the LORD I will destroy them" – This psalm was written in a time of war, when Israel had to fight against other nations who came against them. The writer of this psalm REPEATS several times the fact that the Lord will be their strength to destroy their enemies. We can learn from psalms like these, **whether we are in times of actual war, or just going through SPIRITUAL WARFARE with SATAN and his DEMONS.** Only the Lord can give us the strength to overcome our enemies and be victorious.

• **Ephesians 6:10-13** "Finally, my brethren, be _____ in the _____, and in the _____ of His _____. Put on the whole _____ of _____, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the _____. For we do _____ wrestle against _____ and _____, but against principalities, against powers, against the _____ of the _____ of this age, against spiritual hosts of _____ in the heavenly places. Therefore _____ up the whole _____ of _____, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done _____, to _____."

• **Psalm 27:1** "The Lord is my _____ and my _____; whom shall I _____? The Lord is the _____ of my life; of whom shall I be _____?"

• **Exodus 15:2** "The _____ is my _____ and _____, and He has become my _____; He is my _____, and I will praise Him."

15-16 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; **the RIGHT HAND of the Lord does valiantly.** The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

• **Exodus 15: 6 & 12** "Your _____, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your _____, O Lord, has dashed the _____ in pieces." (Verse 12) "You stretched out Your _____; the earth swallowed them."

Definition: "The RIGHT HAND of the Lord does valiantly" – In these Old Testament passages, the right hand of the Lord just **refers to His power and victory in battle** against the enemies of Israel. **In the New Testament, we see Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God the Father,** and He is the personification of God's power and victory over sin, death and the devil.

• **Hebrews 12:2** "Looking unto _____, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him _____ the _____, despising the shame, and has sat down at the _____ of the throne of God."

• **Hebrews 1:13** "But to which of the angels has He ever said, '_____ at My _____, till I make Your _____ Your footstool?'"

• **Ephesians 1:20-21** "Which He wrought in Christ when He _____ Him from the _____, and set Him at His own _____ in the heavenly places, far _____ all principality, and _____, and might, and dominion, and every _____ that is _____ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

• **Psalm 110:1** "The Lord (God the Father) said to my Lord (Jesus), 'Sit at My _____, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"