

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 2

Psalm 118:17- 29 Lesson #13

**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.

17-18 **I shall not DIE, but LIVE, and DECLARE the WORKS of the Lord.** The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

• **Psalm 116:8-9** “For You have _____ my soul from _____, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk _____ the _____ in the _____ of the _____.”

• **Psalm 73:28** “But it is good for me to draw near to _____; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may _____ all Your _____.”

Definition: “I shall not DIE, but LIVE, and DECLARE the WORKS of the Lord” – We don’t need to be worried about dying. For the believer in Christ, we will go directly to be with Him upon death. But, **if God is not finished with us here on earth, and we still have work to do for Him, He will not let us die.** It sounds kind of crazy, but basically, we are indestructible until the Lord Himself tells us it is time for us to die. Well, **there is a caveat (that means a warning, “beware”)** - if you are not living your life rightly with the Lord, if there is continual sin in your life, you can still put an end to your life here on earth before the time that the Lord had planned for you. **God gave us free will,** and if you continue to drink alcohol, do drugs, commit fornication, adultery and other harmful sins, you may end up with **cutting your life short before your time.** We knew a man in the church, knew he loved the Lord and was saved, but he just couldn’t seem to stop drinking. He ended up with alcohol poisoning, and all his organs were failing, and he died at the age of forty-two. What a waste! That did not have to happen, and he could have stopped drinking if he had really given it up to the Lord, but he didn’t make the effort. We need to let the Lord use us for His plan and purpose, to get out the gospel and **DECLARE the WORKS of the Lord,** until it is really and truly time for us to die and go to be with Him.

• **II Peter 1:13-15** “Yes, I think it right. As long as I am _____ this _____, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put _____ my _____, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things _____ my _____.”

• **II Corinthians 5:1-4, 6 & 8** “For we know that if our _____ house, this _____, is destroyed, we have a building from _____, a _____ not made with hands, _____ in the _____. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation (house, body) which is from _____, if indeed, having been _____, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this _____ groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.” (Verse 6) “Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the _____, we are _____ from the Lord.” (Verse 8) “We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be _____ from the _____ and to be _____ with the _____.”

Definition: “Shortly I must PUT OFF MY TENT” – Peter is referring to his death, because he says, **“AFTER MY DECEASE”**, and refers to his earthly body as a “tent” that his eternal spirit lives in while

on earth. Obviously, **if we can PUT OFF the body**, the true person, the soul and spirit, is LEAVING the body at death. In some translations, II Peter 1:15 reads, “.....that at any time **after my departure** you may be able to call these things to mind,” so again we see that death is a DEPARTURE from the physical body. When Paul wrote his last letter before his death, to the church in Philippi, he told them that he was ready **“to DEPART and be with Christ.”** Jesus Christ is not still in the grave, so Paul is NOT talking about departing and going into the grave in some kind of “soul sleep”! Jesus Christ is sitting **in heaven** at the right hand of the Father, and that is where ALL true, born-again believers in Christ will go IMMEDIATELY after we depart from our earthly bodies! When we die, we will **immediately “DEPART and be with Christ**, for that is very much better” (Philippians 1:23). But that’s not the end! **We will all get a resurrection body, just like Jesus’ body** when He rose from the grave. We will have an actual, physical body, but it will be perfect, without defect or disease, and will last for all eternity.

•**Philippians 1:22-25** “But if I _____ on in the _____, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard pressed between the two, having a _____ to _____ and be with _____, which is far better. Nevertheless, to _____ in the _____ is more _____ for _____. And being confident of this, I know that I shall _____ and continue with you all for _____ progress (spiritual growth) and _____ of _____.”

•**I Thessaonians 4:16-17** “For the Lord Himself will _____ from _____ with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the _____ in _____ will _____ first (Christians who have died will be RESURRECTED). Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (taken up) together with them in the _____ to meet the _____ in the air. And thus we shall _____ be _____ the Lord.”

•**Philippians 3:20-21** “For our citizenship is in _____, from which we also eagerly _____ for the _____, the Lord _____ Christ, who will _____ our lowly _____ that it may be _____ to _____ glorious _____, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

•**I Corinthians 15:20-22 & 26** “But now Christ is _____ from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by _____ came _____, by Man came also the _____ of the dead. For as in _____ all _____, even so in Christ all shall be made _____.”

19-21 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and will praise the Lord. **This is the GATE of the LORD, through which the RIGHTEOUS shall ENTER.** I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

•**John 10:9** “I am the _____. If anyone _____ by _____, he will be _____, and will go _____ and _____ and find pasture.”

Definition: “The GATE of the LORD, through which the RIGHTEOUS shall ENTER” – The “gate” through which we must ENTER to get to God is the same as **Jesus saying He is the DOOR to the sheepfold. The GATE or DOOR by which we come to God the Father is through Jesus Christ and our faith in Him.**

•**John 10:7-8** “Then _____ said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, _____ am the _____ of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the _____ did _____ hear them.”

•**Genesis 28:12 & 17** “Then he dreamed, and behold, a _____ was set up on the earth, and its top reached to _____; and there the _____ of God were _____ and _____ on it.” (Verse 17) “And he was afraid

and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the _____ of _____.'

• **John 1:51** "And He said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see _____ open, and the _____ of God _____ and _____ upon the _____ of _____.'"

Definition: "ANGELS of God ASCENDING and DESCENDING" — This is a reference to Jacob's Ladder in the Old Testament (see Genesis 28:10-17). By making this reference to Himself, Jesus is saying that **He is the "way" or "ladder" to reach God.**

• **John 14:1-6** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, _____ also in _____. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and _____ you to _____; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the _____ you know.' Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know _____. You are going, and how can we know the _____?' Jesus said to him, 'I _____ the _____, the truth, and the life. _____ comes to the _____ except _____ Me.'"

Definition: "I AM the DOOR of the SHEEP" — How can Jesus be **BOTH the Good Shepherd AND the DOOR to the sheepfold?** In Bible times, the sheep were kept at night in an enclosure without a door, and when the sheep had all been rounded up for the night, the **shepherd would lie down to sleep across the opening - he was the door!** No wolf or enemy could get into the sheepfold without crossing over the body of the shepherd. Jesus has LAID DOWN His life (His BODY on the cross) for us, so that Satan, our enemy, can no longer hurt us.

• **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you the _____ to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over _____ the _____ of the _____, and _____ shall by any means _____ you."

• **Ezekiel 34:14-16** "I will feed them in a good _____, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will _____ in rich _____ on the mountains of Israel. I will _____ My _____ and I will lead them to _____,' declares the Lord God. 'I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the _____, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong (false shepherds) I will destroy. I will feed them with Judgment.'"

22-24 **The STONE which the builders REJECTED has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE.**

This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. **This is the day which the Lord has made;** we will rejoice and be glad in it.

• **1 Peter 2:6-8** "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief _____, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.' Therefore, to you who _____ He is precious; but to those who are _____, 'The _____ which the builders _____ has become the chief _____, a stone of stumbling and a rock of _____.' They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed."

Definition: "STONE which the builders REJECTED has become the CHIEF CORNERSTONE" – In the New Testament, we are told that **"Jesus Christ Himself is the chief cornerstone"** and the foundation on which God the Father is building His church, a holy temple to God. The builders who

rejected this chief cornerstone were **the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day, the ones who refused to believe He was the Messiah, and they rejected and crucified Him.** They thought they could wipe Him out and make Him disappear, but Jesus has become **the CHIEF CORNERSTONE, which means the most important part of the building of God and what holds it together.**

• **Ephesians 2:20-22** "Having been _____ on the _____ of the apostles and prophets, _____ Himself being the chief _____ . In whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy _____ in the Lord, in whom you also are being _____ together for a _____ of God in the Spirit."

Definition: "HABITATION" – A dwelling place, residence

• **I Corinthians 3:9 & 16** "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's _____." (Verse 16) "Do you not know that you are the _____ of God and that the _____ of God _____ in _____?"

• **I Corinthians 6:19** "Or do you not know that your _____ is the _____ of the _____ , who is in you, whom you have from _____, and you are not your own?"

• **II Corinthians 6:16** "And what agreement has the _____ of God with idols? For you are the _____ of the _____ God. As God has said, 'I will _____ in them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they shall be My _____.'"

• **Peter 2:5** "You, also, as living stones, are being _____ up [to be] a spiritual _____, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through _____."

25-29 **SAVE now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. BLESSED is He who comes in the name of the Lord!** We have blessed You from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and he has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

• **John 12:12-13** "The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that _____ was _____ to _____, took _____ of _____ trees and went out to meet Him, and _____ out, " _____! _____ is _____ who comes in the _____ of the _____! The _____ of _____!"

Definition: "SAVE NOW, I pray, O Lord" — This is what "**Hosanna**" means - "**save now!**"

When the people shouted this as Jesus came into Jerusalem, they meant that He was the Messiah, and that He should liberate them from the tyranny of the Romans immediately! However, the very fact that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, instead of a horse, was to show them that He was NOT going to be the military hero-type Messiah they wanted. Jesus came to bring us salvation from our sins, not liberation from the Romans.

• **Matthew 21:8-9** "And a very great multitude _____ their _____ on the road; others cut down _____ from the _____ and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying, ' _____ to the Son of David! _____ is _____ who _____ in the _____ of the _____!' _____ in the highest!"