

Cross references and additional connections: Look these up!

- ❑ *Triumphal Entry:*
 - ❑ *Matt 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 11:1-11, John 1:12-19*
- ❑ *Messianic Cornerstone:*
 - ❑ *Is 28:16, Jer 51:26, Zec 10:4*
- ❑ *Rejected Stone*
 - ❑ *Matt 21:42-44, Mark 12:9-11, Luke 20:17-18, Acts 4:11-12, Eph 20:19-22, 1 Pet 2:4-8*
- ❑ *Parable of the Tenants*
 - ❑ *Matt 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19*

Questions for reflection:

- ❖ Why is it reassuring that God's love is steadfast and enduring forever, for you?

- ❖ The Psalmist praises the Lord in verses 14-18, how would you praise the Lord for your salvation?

- ❖ Vs. 26 states "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" how are we blessed today as we reach out to others with the Gospel? How are we a blessing to others?

Looking Forward: Mark 12:13-44

Psalm 118

YHWH is our refuge



"...He has become my salvation!"

Looking Back: Passing through the Red Sea

List some truths about God's character from this psalm.

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Loving God with your actions

- ❑ If you have been truly rescued, it's a story you can't stop telling. Take some time this week to think about how God has rescued you, and then tell the story to someone who doesn't know Jesus!
- ❑ Reflect on the different ways you have witnessed God's love in your life; you can make a list of these if you wish or just contemplate them
 - ❑ Take your thoughts from before and write a poem of praise to the Lord regarding some of them

Loving God with your heart

- ❑ What are some emotions you feel when you face difficult situations in life?

- ❑ How do you handle those difficult scenarios? Do you go straight to the worst case scenario or do you remember God's character?

- ❑ How can we anchor our heart in the truth of God's character? (He is Good, He is eternally loving, etc.)

- ❑ Have you considered how much grace God has given us?

- ❑ Have you thought about what non believers turn to in their fear since they don't God to turn to with their fear?

Loving God with your mind

- As we look at poetry, it's helpful to keep a few things in mind:
 - Form: Ps 118 is a praise psalm- meaning it calls people to praise God for a specific thing he's done. In this case he has rescued and vindicated the psalmist.
 - Repetition: This psalm repeats a couple of key themes. "His love endures forever!" (5x), and 'Give thanks/Praise!' (7x)
 - Chiasm: The whole psalm is "pointing" to one main line that it wants to emphasize: "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." vs 14

Want to look deeper?

- "The right hand of the Lord" is a figure of speech used to show the authority and power of God. Oftentimes it represents God's saving power, presence, protection, etc. Take some time this week to look it up!