

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24^{iv}

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it

iv About the Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This psalm is the final psalm of the “Egyptian Hallel” (Psalms 113–118), a cycle of psalms used during the Passover festival. Its original use before the exile was probably as a liturgy of thanksgiving said at the temple gates.

Verse 22 is probably a proverbial expression that summarized the deliverance of the king (vv. 5-21). In the New Testament, it was applied to Jesus’ death and resurrection (Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:7). Jesus’ death is humanity’s “no” to him; Jesus’ resurrection is God’s “yes,” the vindication of Jesus (Acts 4:10-11).