

The Significance of Psalm 118

Key Scriptures

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalm 118:24

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." — Psalm 118:22

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear." — Psalm 118:6

Psalm 118 is a victory psalm. It celebrates deliverance, mercy, and triumph after hardship. The phrase repeated throughout the chapter is, "His mercy endures forever."

God's mercy is ongoing — not occasional, not seasonal, but forever. Rejected does not mean finished. The stone the builders rejected became the cornerstone, pointing prophetically to Christ. What was rejected became essential.

And then comes the declaration: "This is the day the Lord has made." Not yesterday's regret. Not tomorrow's worry. Today.

Victory isn't the absence of trouble — it's the presence of God in the middle of it.

A Short Story

A man once lost his job unexpectedly. Bills piled up and fear settled in. One morning he sat staring at unopened envelopes when he opened his grandmother's Bible. His eyes landed on Psalm 118:24 — "This is the day the Lord has made."

He whispered, "If You made this day, Lord, then You're still here." That day he made three phone calls. One led to temporary work. Temporary led to permanent. The day didn't start victorious — it became victorious when he chose to trust.

Song: "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Verse 1:

Woke up with the weight of yesterday
Clouds still hangin' in my way
But mercy met me at the door
Like it's done a thousand times before

Chorus:

This is the day the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I'm not afraid
Mountains shake and shadows fade
This is the day the Lord has made

Verse 2:

Rejected stones still find their place
When they're held in hands of grace
What was broken, what was lost
Built again at Calvary's cross

Bridge:

Forever His love endures
Forever my heart is Yours
Forever I'll stand and proclaim
Blessed be Your holy name