



**SONGS OF
EXPERIENCE**

STUDIES IN THE PSALMS

PSALM 118: *“THANKFULNESS”*

Introduction

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess.5:18)

Pray continually. (1 Thess.5:17)

God Is Good
and God is
Loving

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

(v.1 and v.29)



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‘Faith may not know why, but it knows why it trusts God who knows why.’

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The Lord Has Become My Salvation

- *When hard pressed I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place (v.5)*
- *The Lord is with me; he is my helper (v.7)*
- *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them down (v.10)*
- *The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation (v.14)*
- *The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! (v.16)*
- *I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation (v.21)*
- *The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us (v.27)*

The Lord Has Become My Salvation

*When hard pressed I cried to the Lord; he brought
me into a spacious place.*

(v.5)

The Lord Has Become My Salvation

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

(vv.13 & 14)

The Lord Has Become My Salvation

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

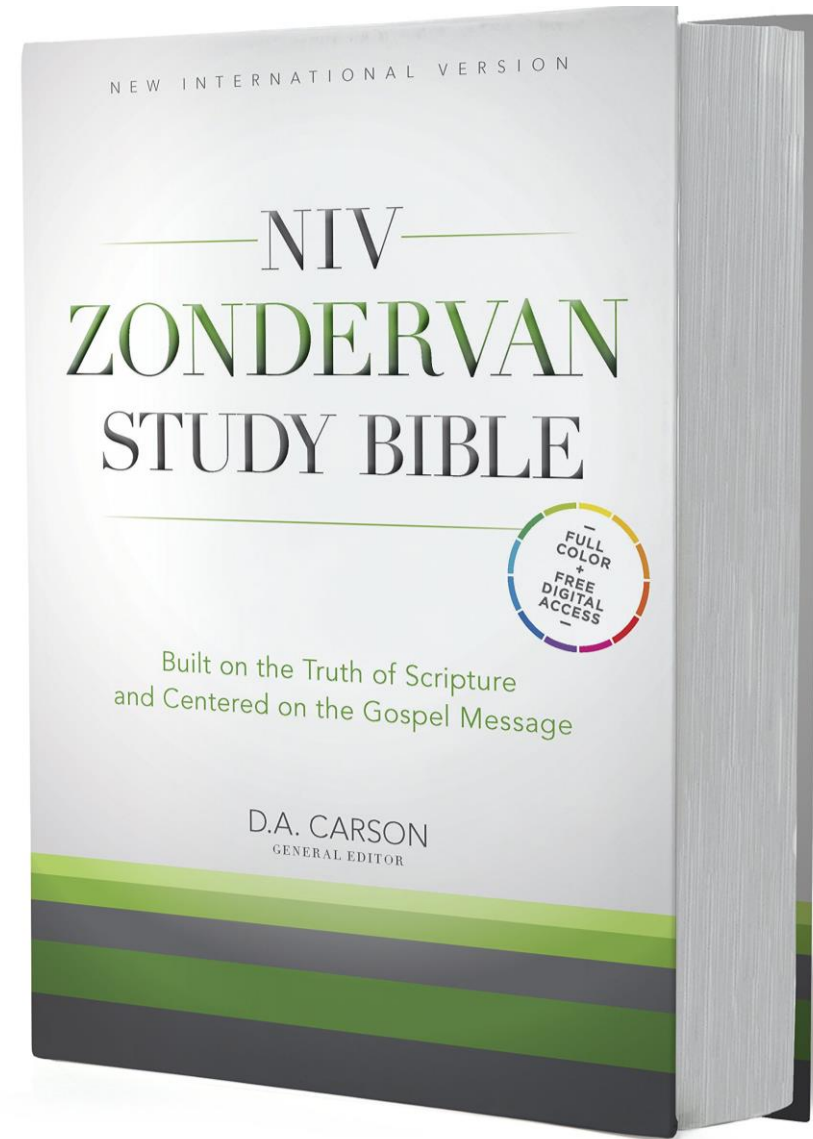
(v.21)

*It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust
in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.*

(vv.8 & 9)

The Lord Has Become My Salvation

The psalms, “instruct us in how to live, and they teach us great truths about God the great King, his sovereign rule over all things, and his plan for reconciling the world to himself through his Son Jesus, the Christ.”



Less
Straightforward
Aspects!

*... but in the name of the Lord I cut them down.
(v.10)*

The Lord has chastened me severely. (v.18)

*Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of
the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done
mighty things!" (v.15)*

Less Straightforward Aspects!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
(v.26)

*The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.* (v.22)

*I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt
you.* (v.28)

Less Straightforward Aspects!

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

(vv.6,7)

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them down.

(vv.10,11)

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

(1 Chron.16:34)

Less
Straightforward
Aspects!

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

(vv19,20)

Less Straightforward Aspects!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! (vv.22-25)

Less
Straightforward
Aspects!

Give thanks to the LORD Almighty, for the LORD is good; his love endures forever.

(Jer.33:11)

How was this Psalm used?

*Singer: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
Worshippers: his love endures forever.*

*Singer: Let Israel say:
Worshippers: "His love endures forever."
Singer: Let the house of Aaron say:
Worshippers: "His love endures forever."*

(vv.1-3)

How was this Psalm used?

Singer: *Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. (v.19)*

Worshippers: *This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. (v.20)*

Jesus and Psalm 118

*With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar. (v.27)*

*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord!
(Mt.21:9)*

Jesus and Psalm 118

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*The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is
marvelous in our eyes?*

(Mt.21:42)

Jesus and Psalm 118

Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

(Acts 4:11,12)

Our Response?

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. (v.21)

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

(vv.28,29)

Our Response?

What is it in your life,
that you are thankful to God for?