

**Title** Today: This is the Day  
**Series** A New Day  
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## Sermon Notes

### Psalm 118

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." <sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever." *NIV*

<sup>5</sup>From my distress I called upon the Lord, the LORD answered me and set me in a large place.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me? <sup>7</sup>The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I will look *with satisfaction* on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. <sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup>The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I give thanks to You; *You are my God, I extol You.* *NASB*

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever. *NIV*

### Psalm 118:24

This is the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad it. *NASB*

## For Reflection & Application:



### Monday:

- Read Psalm 118:1-4, 29. Consider the phrase "His love endures forever" (NIV). If God's love endures forever, then it never pauses, never stops, never ends. Why does this provide for a safe environment for trust and vulnerability with God?

### Tuesday:

- Read Psalm 118:5, 21, 28. Communication is a vital part of any close relationship. Ask yourself, in what ways can I grow further and deeper in my communication with God? Consider being more honest and vulnerable in sharing your thoughts and burdens with Him, knowing that He is your Deliverer and He loves you with an unfailing love. (1 Peter 5:7)

### Wednesday:

- Read Psalm 118:7. In the NASB version, it says, "I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me." Sometimes deliverance does not occur in the way that we hoped, and we still face adversity. Sometimes deliverance comes in the form of being able to be ok (satisfied) in the face of adversity.

### Thursday:

- Read Psalm 118:6, 8-9. Trusting in God can look different, depending on the situation. Sometimes it looks like confidence, as we stand boldly without fear, yet our confidence is not in ourselves, but in God. Sometimes it looks like humility, knowing our helplessness without God, taking refuge under His loving care.

### Friday:

- Read Psalm 118:13-14, 24. We can often spend our todays either burdened by our yesterdays or worrying about tomorrows, or both. If this becomes a pattern, then when will we ever enjoy this day that God has made? Finding closure on our past and planning for our future may be positive steps to take, however, let us ensure that we prioritize spending today entering His gates of deep fellowship. There we will offer praise, thanks, share our deepest burdens, experience His love and deliverance, and rejoice for this wonderful day, today!

*Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank you for this beautiful day! It is special because You have made it, and I am Your child! Let's spend this day growing deeper in our relationship together, and then please show me how I might share Your love and grace with others this day. When I experience Your love and deliverance each day, the burdens of past seem lighter and the worries of the future no longer overwhelm me. Your love endures forever!"*