PSALM

108

CVIII

Praise to Oracle

Psalms of David · Book V

"A Song. A Psalm by David."

PICTURE WORD

Dawn

IN ONE SENTENCE

My heart is steady, so I will sing and wake the dawn, and ask God's help because only he brings victory.

Remember it: One-oh-eight: wake up, harp! My song gets up before the sun.

MEMORY VERSE

For your loving kindness is great above the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Psalm 108:4 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

שָׁחַר

"dawn" · verse 2

In the Psalms: four times, in 4 psalms

שַׁחַר is "dawn," the first light before sunrise. In verse 2 the singer turns the usual order around: instead of the dawn waking him, he says, "I will wake up the dawn." His praise starts before the day does, so morning arrives to the sound of his harp.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–5	With a steady heart, I will wake the dawn with praise
6–9	God speaks from his sanctuary: the lands are mine
10–13	Human help is useless; with God we will do valiantly

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 108 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/108**.

Composite. Sung and preached: it moves from one mode into the other.

Praise & Thanksgiving · Refuge in Trouble · Waiting on God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

My heart is _____, so I will sing and wake the _____, and ask God's help because only he brings _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What instruments does the psalmist call to wake up?

(A) Trumpet and drum
(B) Flute and cymbal
(C) Harp and lyre
(D) Horn and timbrel

2. What does God call Judah?

(A) My scepter
(B) My wash pot
(C) My helmet
(D) My sandal

3. According to verse 12, the help of man is what?

(A) Strong
(B) Enough
(C) Slow
(D) Vain

TALK IT OVER

1. This psalm joins parts of Psalms 57 and 60. Why might a new song reuse older ones?

2. What does verse 4 say about how big God's love and faithfulness are?

3. Where are you tempted to trust human help instead of God? What would trusting God look like?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 108 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I can say verse 4 by heart
☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: steady · dawn · victory · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 2) · 2. A (v. 8) · 3. D (v. 12)