PSALM

118

CXVIII

Processional Thanksgiving

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PICTURE WORD
Cornerstone

IN ONE SENTENCE



ive thanks, for his kindness lasts forever; the LORD rescued me from surrounding enemies, and the rejected stone became the cornerstone.

Remember it: One-eighteen: the stone they threw away became the cornerstone.

MEMORY VERSE

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Psalm 118:22 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

אֶבֶן

"stone" · verse 22

In the Psalms: three times, in 3 psalms

אֶבֶן means "stone," whether a building block, an altar stone, or the stone Jacob set up at Bethel. Isaiah speaks of a tested, precious cornerstone laid in Zion. Builders threw this stone away, but God made it the stone that holds the whole building together. Jesus and the apostles applied this verse to him.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–4	Everyone say it: his loving kindness endures forever
5–14	Surrounded by nations, I called, and the LORD helped me
15–21	Shouts of victory; open the gates of righteousness
22–29	The rejected stone becomes the cornerstone; blessed is he who comes

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 6 → **Hebrews 13:6** The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.

v. 22–23 → **Matthew 21:42** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

v. 22 → **Acts 4:11** Peter before the council: Jesus is the rejected stone.

v. 22 → **1 Peter 2:7** Precious to those who believe; a stumbling stone to others.

v. 26 → **Matthew 21:9** The crowds at the Triumphal Entry: 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

v. 26 → **Matthew 23:39** Jesus: you will not see me again until you say it.

Listen. Hear Psalm 118 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/118**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Give thanks, for his kindness lasts forever; the LORD rescued me from _____ enemies, and the _____ stone became the _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. The psalmist says it is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in whom?

- (A) Angels
- (B) Prophets
- (C) Princes
- (D) Priests

2. What did the nations surround him like?

- (A) Bees
- (B) Lions
- (C) Waves
- (D) Wolves

3. Whose doing is the cornerstone?

- (A) The builders'
- (B) The king's
- (C) The priests'
- (D) The LORD's

TALK IT OVER

1. The crowds shouted verse 26 when Jesus entered Jerusalem. What were they saying about him?

2. What does it mean that God made the rejected stone the cornerstone? What does that say about God's ways?

3. Verse 6 asks, "What can man do to me?" Where do you need that confidence today?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 118 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 22 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: surrounding · rejected · cornerstone · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 9) · 2. A (v. 12) · 3. D (v. 23)