

## **When Somebody Needs To Do The Right Thing In A Dark And Desperate Hour**

### *Psalm 118*

**In trouble, you need to remember the character of God and rehearse it over and over again.**

***The writer is in deep \_\_\_\_\_...***

V 5, \_\_\_\_\_,

10-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Teetering on the \_\_\_\_\_, 13

At the point of \_\_\_\_\_, 17

Chastened because of sin, failure, 18.

***You need to see that sometimes there will be \_\_\_\_\_ to doing the right thing.***

V 22 is a proverb that states...

*Experts sometimes reject the correct solution.*

*Apparently there were those who suggested a plan that was not "theocentric," 8, 9.*

*V 23, God's people are now glad that one person insisted on doing the right thing.*

**This, of course, is exactly what Jesus Christ did!**

*Christ's plan was rejected even by his closest followers, Matt 16:22.*

*Yet, even though the "experts" didn't understand he stuck to the right plan, and in the final analysis*

*God saved us anyhow, Christ became the "solution" the capstone.*

**What the crowds cried in Matt 21:9 was correct, but never understood by them. They said the right thing, but didn't really get the point.**

**If this is the Psalm our Lord Jesus sang at the last supper, think of what hope vv 22-26 must have given him.**

***You are called upon to do the same thing—obey like vv 8, 9.***

***How can you do this?***

You need to be \_\_\_\_\_, v 1, v29

You need to remember, that even in the worst of trouble, God is fundamentally \_\_\_\_\_, v 1, 29

*Death of loved one,*

*Dashing of dreams*

*Crushing of hopes,*

*Loss of health*

Romans 8:28, 29; Psalm 119:68.

You need to rehearse over and over again the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, 1, 29, 2-4.

***What is Hesed?***

Love = *hesed*, “Choice to be loyal, the obligation assumed by one person to act favorably on the behalf of another, who is dependent upon the aid of the first and helpless to function without it.”<sup>1</sup>

You need to remember that the Lord hears the humble cries of his children, v 5

You need to be reminded of the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_, 2x, v 6, 7.

You need to trust in God’s \_\_\_\_\_, not man’s \_\_\_\_\_, 8, 9.

You need to see that the pathway to power, the pathway to joy, the pathway to deliverance is in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his word, v 14, 15.

*V 15 speak of victory in the tents, people take this victory home.*

You need to see that God \_\_\_\_\_ those he loves, disciple is a sign of son ship, 18.

*God’s goal in chastening is deliverance, victory.*

You need to be reminded that God can do \_\_\_\_\_ things, 15, 16.

You need to see that all of this leads to \_\_\_\_\_ worship, vv 19-20, 27b-29.

***Who is God, what has he said, what has he done, and what does that mean to me?***

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<sup>1</sup> Tate, *Psalms*, p. 13; see also *TDOT*, vol 5, pp.49-50.