

## **PSALM 108 – Assurance of God’s Victory Over Enemies – Praise, Prayer Victory!**

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### **JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE’RE THE SUN** – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale (2:27)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.*

*Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen!*

**PSALM 108** These five verses are found in (***Psa 57:7-11 Praise follows prayer***), almost verbatim, but in this case the Psalmist begins at once to sing and give praise, and afterwards prays to God in a remarkably confident manner, so that he seems rather to seize the blessing than to entreat for it. Sometimes we must climb to praise by the ladder of prayer, and at other times we must bless God for the past in order to be able in faith to plead for the present and the future. By the aid of God’s Spirit we can both pray ourselves up to praise, or praise the Lord till we get into a fit frame for prayer. The passage served as a fine close for one Psalm, and it makes an equally noteworthy opening for another. Some expressions are so admirable that they ought to be used again: who would throw away a cup because he drank from it before? God should be served with the best words, and when we have them they are surely good enough to be used twice. It may be that our heavenly Father would here teach us that if we are unable to find a great variety of suitable expressions in devotion, but may either pray or praise, “using the same words.”

### **PSALM 108 – Assurance of God’s Victory Over Enemies - *With God We Shall Do Valiantly* - A Song. A Psalm of David.**

#### **Vs. 1-5 – Praise!**

**Psa 108:1 O God, my heart is steadfast (*fixed*); I will sing and give praise, even with my glory (*all my being!*)** *Psa 57:7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.*

- That is something that we need, a firm, unyielding, commitment to the Lord. We sing “I have decided to follow Jesus” to make that kind of a commitment. Lord, ***my heart is steadfast***, fixed, I’ve set my ***heart*** on You. I’m going to serve You Lord, no matter what. ***My heart is fixed, steadfast!***
- “***Even with my glory***” - With my intellect, my tongue, my poetic faculty, my musical skill. It is my glory to be able to speak and not to be a dumb animal, therefore my voice shall show forth Your praise! He who sings with a ***steadfast heart*** is likely to sing on, and all the while to sing well.

**Psa 108:2 Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.** *Psa 57:8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. ( I, myself will awake early).*

- As if he could not be content alone with his voice but must use the well-tuned strings and communicate to them something of his own liveliness.

**Psa 108:3 I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.** *Psa 57:9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.*

- I’ve determined to praise the Lord. My heart is fixed. I’m going to declare His glory and sing His praises.

***Psa 108:4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.***

*Psa 57:10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.*

- There must be no limit of time, or place, or people, when that mercy is to be extolled! As the heavens are over the whole earth, and from above mercy pours down upon men, so shall You be praised everywhere beneath the sky. As far as we can see we behold Your truth and faithfulness, ample space for the loudest chorus and thunders of praise!

***Psa 108:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;***

*Psa 57:11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.*

- A repeat of psalm fifty-seven but it's worthwhile repeating. It's a declaration, the determination of I'm going to praise God and I'm going to exalt Him for His mercy and His truth.

### **Vs. 6-12 – Believing Prayer!**

***Psa 108:6 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.***

- Let my prayer be for all those You love! It is easy praying for the Lord's beloved, for we feel sure of a favorable answer, since the Lord's heart is already set upon doing them good - yet it is solemn work to plead when we feel that the condition of a whole beloved nation depends upon what the Lord means to do with us whom He has placed in such a position

***Psa 108:7 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.***

- Earlier, the Lord had made large promises to David, he began to act vigorously against his enemies. ***"I will divide Shechem."*** Home conquests come first. ***"And measure out the valley of Succoth."*** On the other side Jordan as well as on this the land must be put in order. See how he resolves in action, like a man whose prayers are a vital portions of his action.

***Psa 108:8 Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.*** *Psa 60:7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.*

- God had given promises concerning the tribes of Israel, Manasseh, Ephraim, Judah, Judah the lawgiver, "the scepter should not depart from Judah.
- The declaration of God's delivering the land unto his people. ***Gilead*** on the other side of Jordan where Gilead, Manasseh, and Ruben half the tribe of Manasseh settled. ***Ephraim***, the power of the northern kingdom and Judah the lawgiver, the tribe from which the king David came.

***Psa 108:9 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph."*** *Psa 60:8 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."*

- God is declaring that they are going to have power over Moab and power over Edom. However, Edom has triumphed over David's troops, that's why David is going back to what God had promised in order that he find the strength from the promises of the word. We may have an initial defeat, but God is going to give us the victory! As he thinks of the word of God and as he looks at the promises of God, the assurance of victory come to his heart. How wonderful!

***Psa 108:10 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?*** *Psa 60:9 Who will bring me to the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?*

- Who is going to ***lead*** us? Then the prayer, Will You ***lead*** us? Will You go with us as we go out against the enemies? ***Edom*** - That is the city of Petra, the rock city, the impregnable fortress of the Edomites. David is planning to assault that city.

***Psa 108:11 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?*** *Psa 60:10 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?*

- Initially, David had been defeated by Edom. But here is the confidence that God will bring victory!
- This is such grand faith, which can trust the Lord even when He seems to have cast us off. Oh, for more of this living faith!

***Psa 108:12 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.*** *Psa 60:11 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.*

- David knew that the only real help would come from God. He's not going to trust in man or *man's help*. Oh, that we would learn that that we would learn to turn to God for *help*. How often we turn to *man* but *useless* is the *help of man*. You see, all of us are in the same boat. We need God's *help*. In another psalm the psalmist said, "Lord it's time for you to work". *The help of man is useless.*

**V. 13 – Final Word of Resolve - Victory!**

*Psa 108:13 Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.*

*Psa 60:12 Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.*

- God will lead us. Through him we *will do valiantly*. David gets things in perspective. God has promised and God will lead us. Who will lead us? It will be You, God who will lead us into the victory for through you we are going to do valiantly, through you we are going *tread down our enemies*.

**JESUS, WHAT A WONDER YOU ARE.** *Juanita Bynum/Maranatha Singers (3:27/3:31)*

*Jesus, What A Wonder You Are. You Are So Gentle So Pure And So Kind You Shine Like The Morning Star Jesus, What A Wonder You Are. (3X)*

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**PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD**

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