

**"The LORD *is* my strength and song,  
and *is* become my salvation"**

Part V ([Psa 118:24-29](#))

**Psa 118:24** This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Psa 118:25** Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

**Psa 118:26** Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

**Psa 118:27** God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

**Psa 118:28** Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

**Psa 118:29** O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

There are many scriptures in this Psalm and throughout God's word that declare that "The LORD *is* my strength and song, and *is* become my salvation", and in this particular Psalm we are being encouraged to see the careful and perfectly designed process that God is causing to unfold to save His children as we're brought to be convinced that He can "**save now**" and "**bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar**".

We are called to have a blessed assurance of what God has promised he will do through us as living sacrifices ([Rom 12:1](#)), who are being sacrificed as Christ was for the world ([Joh 3:16](#)) laying up a good foundation of works through Christ that will assure our hearts that we are in fact His workmanship ([Eph 2:10](#)) in this age whose good pleasure it is to give us the kingdom ([1Jn 3:18-24](#) , [1Ti 6:19](#) , [Tit 3:14](#) , [Luk 12:32](#)).

[Eph 2:10](#) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[1Jn 3:18](#) My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

[1Jn 3:19](#) And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall **assure our hearts** before him.

[1Jn 3:20](#) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

[1Jn 3:21](#) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

[1Jn 3:22](#) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. [[Rom 14:23](#)]

[1Jn 3:23](#) And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

[1Jn 3:24](#) And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. [[Rom 8:16](#)]

[1Ti 6:19](#) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come [*the times to come* [Mat 24:7](#) , [Luk 17:28](#)], that they may lay hold on eternal life.

[Tit 3:14](#) And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not

unfruitful.

**Luk 12:32** Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Here is a list of some of the words just in this Psalm alone that point to that assurance that we have in Christ who declares we can and will drink the cup of his suffering that symbolizes our filling "up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church". It is those sufferings that help produce the good works that God says are foundational to our calling, and those works are accomplished "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts" and that power is represented by the "**horns of the altar**" ([Mar 10:39](#) , [Col 1:24](#) , [Zec 4:6](#)).

- I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place
- The LORD *is* on my side
- The LORD taketh my part
- All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them
- but the LORD helped me.
- The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation
- the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- Open to me the gates of righteousness
- bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the **horns of the altar**

The more we confirm these promises of being able to overcome by His power in this age the better. We are being raised in earnest today ([Eph 2:6](#)) by his power [[Php 3:10-12](#) , [Joh 11:25-26](#)] hopeful we will one day experience the fullness of that resurrection in a moment and in the twinkling of an eye ([1Co 15:52](#)). The fruit that is born as a result of being steadfast and going through much tribulation in this age ([2Pe 3:18](#) , [Act 14:22](#)) is described in these following verses ([Eph 3:16-21](#)).

**Php 3:10** That I may know him, and **the power of his resurrection** [[Joh 11:25-26](#)], and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

**Php 3:11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

**Php 3:12** Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

[Paul is striving for the mark of the prize of the high calling [*the first resurrection*] ([Php 3:14](#)) and understands that he has been "apprehended of Christ Jesus" for that purpose and is following after him with a steadfast spirit in hopes that he may obtain to that blessed and holy first resurrection knowing this can be accomplished by continuing in the faith and going through much tribulation ([Act 14:22](#)). He clearly shows us by what he is saying in these verses ([Php 3:10-12](#)) that he understands that boasting is excluded by the law of faith as he strives or follows after that he "may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" ([Rev 20:6](#) , [Rom 3:27](#))]

**Act 14:22** Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and exhorting them to continue in the faith*, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

**1Co 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall

sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we **shall** be changed.

***Verses that speak of giving thanks and praise for the salvation promised:***

- O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever
- The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my **salvation**.
- The voice of rejoicing and **salvation** *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous:[*because*] the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly
- I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my **salvation**
- Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD

God's **mercy** *is shown to His elect by binding "the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar" being expressed by Paul with these words ["I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also **I am apprehended of Christ Jesus"**]*

- Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever
- Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever
- Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever
- O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever

*Our first verse:*

**Psa 118:24** This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Another way that this verse is expressed is found in ([Psa 107:26-32](#)) where we learn what the meaning of "**the day which the LORD hath made**" is, and how blessed we are to be judged first ([Eph 1:12](#) , [Act 26:23](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)) today in this day of the Lord or "**day which the LORD hath made**" ([Joe 2:2](#) , [Zep 1:15](#)).

[Eph 1:12](#) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who **first** trusted in Christ.

[Act 26:23](#) That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the **first** that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

[1Jn 4:17](#) Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

[Jas 1:18](#) Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of **first**fruits of his creatures.

[Joe 2:2](#) A day of darkness and of gloominess [**for our old man**], a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

[Zep 1:15](#) That day *is* a day of wrath [**against our old man**], a day of trouble and distress,

a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

It takes God's strong judgement against our flesh to bring us to a place of rejoicing and being glad as expressed in these verses ([Col 1:24](#) , [Tit 2:12](#) , [Psa 107:30](#) , [Heb 5:8](#)).

[Col 1:24](#) Who now **rejoice** in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church

[Tit 2:12](#) Teaching<sup>G3811</sup> us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

[Heb 12:6](#) For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth<sup>G3811</sup> , and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

[Heb 5:8](#) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

[Heb 5:9](#) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

[Psa 107:30](#) **Then** are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

We are learning of God's power through the things that we suffer, not by avoiding the trials but rather by being perfected through them, and that leads to our rejoicing as we learn through these experiences of judgement and suffering that He is faithful, and that we can commit our souls unto Him as unto a faithful creator ([1Co 10:13](#) , [Psa 118:14-15](#) , [Psa 118:18](#) , [1Pe 4:12](#) , [1Pe 4:19](#) , [Rom 8:12-24](#))

[1Co 10:13](#) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

[Psa 118:14](#) The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

[Psa 118:15](#) The voice of **rejoicing** and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

[Psa 118:18](#) The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

[Psa 118:19](#) Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will **praise** the LORD:

[1Pe 4:12](#) Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

***Here is Peter's and Paul's inspired conclusion in regard to all suffering:*** [[1Pe 4:19](#) , [Rom 8:11-24](#)]

[1Pe 4:19](#) Wherefore let them that suffer **according** to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Rom 8:11 But **if** the Spirit [*meaning if the spirit is not in you, you will NOT be raised up until the second resurrection*] of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit** that dwelleth in you. [[Rom 8:9](#)]

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if** so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:12 Therefore [*because of God's spirit working in our heavens*], brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. [[Rom 6:11](#)]

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; **if so be that we suffer** with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same in hope*,

[not everyone has **this hope** today within them [Col 1:27](#) , [Rom 8:25](#) , [Rom 8:9](#) , [Mat 22:14](#)]

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Rom 8:25 But if we **hope** for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Rom 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? [[Heb 11:25-27](#)]

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; [*type of being dead to sin and alive in Christ* [Rom 6:11](#)]

Heb 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. [*type of being saved by hope that we don't see* Rom 8:24]

**Psa 118:25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.**

"**Save now**", judge me now is what we are being told, also expressed this way from King David who is a type of the elect (Psa 139:23-24 , 2Co 13:5 , Psa 51:1):

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you [Col 1:27 , Rom 8:9], except ye be reprobates?

Psa 51:1 *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.* Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psa 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

The words "**O LORD: O LORD**" are uttered twice to remind us of the witness that it is only through Christ our Lord that we can find true "**prosperity**" that God sends our way (1Co 3:6). Christ is sent to us (Joh 17:18) and we are prospered so that we can be sent as he was to bring spiritual prosperity to others (Mat 4:19 , Gal 6:10).

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Joh 17:18 *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

**Psa 118:26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.**

We can only bless people when we come "**in the name of the LORD**" and it is through Christ alone that we can come in obedience to the commandments of God, not just keeping his words but being doers of his word (Luk 6:46 , Php 2:13).

Luk 6:46 *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.



God is sending us forth as the body of Christ for this express purpose of blessing and not cursing ([Rom 12:4](#) , [Luk 6:28](#)), and overcoming evil with good ([Rom 12:21](#)) as Christ did.

[Rom 12:4](#) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

[Luk 6:28](#) Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

[Rom 12:21](#) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

We bless people as one body coming "**out of the house of the LORD**" as we witness his discipleship in working together as one body with many members ([Joh 13:35](#) , [Rom 12:4](#) , [1Co 12:14](#) , [Joh 14:2](#)).

[Joh 13:35](#) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

[Rom 12:4](#) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

[1Co 12:14](#) For the body is not one member, but many.

[Joh 14:2](#) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**[Psa 118:27](#) God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.**

Unless the veil is ripped we won't see the light that is being spoken about in this verse which the LORD has showed us. The veil is flesh ([Heb 10:20](#) , [Exo 27:21](#)), and the flesh is the body of Christ ([Eph 5:30](#) , [Col 1:24](#)) and this veil is torn little by little ([Exo 23:30](#)) or from glory to glory ([2Co 3:7-18](#) , [Psa 84:7](#)) to bring us to understand, declare and be persuaded that "The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation" and that nothing can separate us from His love ([Rom 8:39](#)).

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: and he is also the one who binds the "**sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar**" as explained in ([Exo 29:1-46](#)). The last three verses of Exodus 29 reveal that the purpose behind all these sacrifices being offered is to "sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar" that represent the body of Christ that is being prepared for the world as a living sacrifice ([1Co 3:16](#)). The sanctification of the priest is accomplished through the sacrifices being offered that represent our giving our whole life in service to God ([Exo 29:44-46](#) , [Rom 12:1](#) , [Mat 16:25](#) , [Heb 13:13](#)). The altar represents the cross of Christ that we bear for each other as those whom He has made kings and priests, ([2Co 1:22](#) , [Gal 6:2](#) , [Rev 1:6](#)).

[Exo 29:44](#) And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

[Exo 29:45](#) And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

[Exo 29:46](#) And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out

of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

**Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

**Mat 16:25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

**Heb 13:13** Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

God is the one who gives us the power through Christ to "**bind the sacrifice**" (**Mar 3:27**) and it takes the three fold cord process of maturing through judgment in the church [Christ's body] (**Ecc 4:12** , **Eph 3:10-13**) to make the bride ready (**Rev 19:7**). It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom in earnest today (**Luk 12:32**), and He knows the plans He has for us and where all this sacrifice is leading, and so we have great reason to be glad and rejoice today, right NOW! "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

**Mar 3:27** No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

**Ecc 4:12** And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Eph 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**Eph 3:11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

**Eph 3:12** In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

**Eph 3:13** Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

**Rev 19:7** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

**Luk 12:32** Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Psa 118:28** Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

So let us rejoice, let us be glad, let us not fear, and above all these things let us "give honour to him" as His little sealed remnant who have been blessed to receive of His incredible mercy and kindness in this age (**2Ti 2:19-21** , **Rom 11:5-8** , **Eph 2:7**).

**2Ti 2:19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**2Ti 2:20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

**2Ti 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.



**Rom 11:5** Even so then at this present time also **there is a remnant** according to the election of **grace**.

**Rom 11:6** And if by **grace**, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

**Rom 11:7** What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, **and the rest were blinded**

**Rom 11:8** (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) **unto this day**.

**Eph 2:7** **That** in the ages to come he might shew **the exceeding riches of his grace** in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

We acknowledge God's sovereignty in our lives and the spirit bears witness that we are His children (**Rom 8:16**) who are blessed to declare "**Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee**". God gives us the power through Christ to overcome, and therefore we say "The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation" for He is the reason we can believe and he is our helper (**Heb 13:6** , **Psa 54:4**) who helps us build up the body of Christ in love (**Joh 14:12** , **Joh 14:26** , **Eph 4:16**).

**Psa 118:29** O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

A most fitting way to end this Psalm is to give thanks for the undeserved mercy that he has extended to the weak of the world (**1Co 1:26-29**) who are first called and chosen to be sanctified and made "meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work".

**1Co 1:26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:

**1Co 1:27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

**1Co 1:28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

**1Co 1:29** That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Those good works could never be accomplished unless we were (being) sanctified by our Lord (**Joh 17:17** , **Joh 16:13**) and as we have seen, it is "Aaron and his sons" who are first sanctified, an event that typifies these words: "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of **his grace** in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (**Eph 2:7**).