

PSALM 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

*They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them down.*

The LORD is my strength and my defense^{1a}; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

*“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things! The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”*

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.



MAKE THE WORST DAY GOOD

“This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

“I’m sure mosquitoes have their place in creation, Lord, but couldn’t you have allowed them to accomplish their task without making life so miserable? That’s how I feel about suffering too. I know it has its place, but couldn’t you accomplish the job some other way? I admit, though, that the mosquitoes accomplished something good today; in chasing me out of my own backyard, they reminded me how quick I am to abandon spiritual territory whenever I am annoyed or irritated. Discomfort causes me to doubt your goodness, power, and love. But “good times” lull me into a false sense of spiritual well-being. In good times I can behave pretty well, but in suffering my true spiritual condition is revealed. Thank you, Lord, that even in the worst of times—with the shadow of the cross looming in front of you—you were able to sing this psalm: **“This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.”** Thank you, Lord, that every day belongs to you and that praise and adoration can make even the worst day good.”

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRzMbIED_5U

Blessed Be Your Name:

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Worthy Is The Lamb:

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