



**117**<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations.  
Praise him, all you people of the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> For his unfailing love for us is powerful;  
the LORD's faithfulness endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

**118**<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

- <sup>2</sup> Let all Israel repeat:  
"His faithful love endures forever."  
<sup>3</sup> Let Aaron's descendants, the priests, repeat:  
"His faithful love endures forever."  
<sup>4</sup> Let all who fear the LORD repeat:  
"His faithful love endures forever."
- <sup>5</sup> In my distress I prayed to the LORD,  
and the LORD answered me and set me free.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear.  
What can mere people do to me?  
<sup>7</sup> Yes, the LORD is for me; he will help me.  
I will look in triumph at those who hate me.  
<sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in people.  
<sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.
- <sup>10</sup> Though hostile nations surrounded me,  
I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.  
<sup>11</sup> Yes, they surrounded and attacked me,  
but I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> They swarmed around me like bees;  
they blazed against me like a crackling fire.  
But I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.  
<sup>13</sup> My enemies did their best to kill me,  
but the LORD rescued me.  
<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has given me victory.  
<sup>15</sup> Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.  
The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things!  
<sup>16</sup> The strong right arm of the LORD is raised in triumph.  
The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious  
things!  
<sup>17</sup> I will not die; instead, I will live  
to tell what the LORD has done.  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not let me die.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
and I will go in and thank the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup> These gates lead to the presence of the LORD,  
and the godly enter there.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you for answering my prayer  
and giving me victory!
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing,  
and it is wonderful to see.





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- 24 This is the day the LORD has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
25 Please, LORD, please save us.  
Please, LORD, please give us success.  
26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
27 The LORD is God, shining upon us.  
Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.  
28 You are my God, and I will praise you!  
You are my God, and I will exalt you!  
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

*Aleph*

- 119**\* <sup>1</sup> Joyful are people of integrity,  
who follow the instructions of the LORD.  
2 Joyful are those who obey his laws  
and search for him with all their hearts.  
3 They do not compromise with evil,  
and they walk only in his paths.  
4 You have charged us  
to keep your commandments carefully.  
5 Oh, that my actions would consistently  
reflect your decrees!  
6 Then I will not be ashamed  
when I compare my life with your commands.  
7 As I learn your righteous regulations,  
I will thank you by living as I should!  
8 I will obey your decrees.  
Please don't give up on me!

*Beth*

- 9 How can a young person stay pure?  
By obeying your word.  
10 I have tried hard to find you—  
don't let me wander from your commands.  
11 I have hidden your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.  
12 I praise you, O LORD;  
teach me your decrees.  
13 I have recited aloud  
all the regulations you have given us.  
14 I have rejoiced in your laws  
as much as in riches.  
15 I will study your commandments  
and reflect on your ways.  
16 I will delight in your decrees  
and not forget your word.

*Gimel*

- 17 Be good to your servant,  
that I may live and obey your word.  
18 Open my eyes to see  
the wonderful truths in your instructions.

**119** This psalm is a Hebrew acrostic poem; there are twenty-two stanzas, one for each successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Each of the eight verses within each stanza begins with the Hebrew letter named in its heading.

YOU ARE MY GOD  
& I will  
PRAISE  
YOU!  
you are my  
GOD, and  
I will  
EXALT  
you!

Psalm 118:28

