

## Psalm 118:15–18

### The Rejoicing of Righteous Homes and Hearts

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 • Read Psalm 118:15–18**

*Questions from the from the Scripture text: What "voice" does v15a describe? Where is it heard (v15b)? What does it rejoice over (v15c, 16a, 16b)? What has this right hand of YHWH done? What else does this right hand ensure will not happen (v17a)? What will happen instead? Why will the righteous one live (v17b)? What has YHWH done to the righteous one (v18a)? But what hasn't He done?*

**What does a righteous home sound like?** Psalm 118:15–18 prepares us for the opening portion of public worship on the Lord's Day. In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **a righteous home is loud with the sound of rejoicing over Jesus.**

**Recognizing the righteous tent.** How do you know if you are in one of the tents of the righteous (v15b)? There is one piece of furniture that you will always find there: the voice of loud rejoicing and salvation (v15a; the word for salvation here, is the word from which we get "Jesus"!). The word for "rejoicing" is 'loud' enough that it can well be translated "crying out." The victory of the King in v10–14 spills over into the tents of the righteous, who are given a share in His victory. Can people tell if your house is a tent of the righteous? How about your heart? Is there jubilation over Jesus there?

**What the righteous rejoice over.** Three times (v15c, 16a, 16b) we hear what this jubilant voice is rejoicing over: "the right hand of YHWH." This great King, Who destroys the swarm of enemies, is Himself the right hand of YHWH—the strength (v15, 16b) and glory (v16a) of God, which delivers His people.

**Why the righteous are delivered.** We deserve death. It is a turn of events when we do not die, but instead we live (v17a). For what purpose are we given this life? "To declare the works of YHWH" (v17b)! This is not miserly, on the Lord's part, but generous. If we had desired all creation, instead of desiring to know Him and His glory, we would desire too little. And it is the great privilege and purpose of our creation and our redemption to declare His glory!

**How the righteous are brought into their portion.** Notice that being saved by YHWH's almighty right hand does not mean that we experience nothing but comfort and ease. v18a might look like it doesn't fit in this section, but it is the standard experience of all whom the Lord saves, all who are true children (cf. Heb 12:8). They partake in chastening, in discipline, sometimes quite painfully (the word is intensified by a doubling in the original, cf. Heb 12:11). But this is not because the Lord is against them, but rather because He is saving them from the death that they deserve (v18b), the death to which they would plunge themselves without His deliverance and His chastening.

So, with our thoughts resting upon the victory of the King, let us rejoice over His salvation, and even His faithfulness and wisdom and goodness in chastening us!

Who is your King? Whom has He defeated, and whom/what will He have finished defeating at the last? What painful thing does He do in your life to bring you into the full enjoyment of what He has gained for you? What is an example of His chastening that you have experienced? How often/much do you find your heart full of the affection of rejoicing at all of this? How often/much do you find your home full of the sound of rejoicing at all of this?

*Sample prayer: Lord, grant that loud shouts of joy would be filling our houses throughout the week, and grant that loud shouts of joy would fill the assembly of Your household on the Lord's Day. You have saved us by Your Son, Jesus Christ. He has been for us Your valiant and exalted right hand. Even when You have severely chastened us, it has been to deliver us from death so that we may live and declare Your works. So, grant unto us the ministry of Your Spirit, that He would apply Christ to us, and give us to declare Your works in praise, we ask in His Name, AMEN!*

**Suggested songs: ARP118C "Loud Shouts of Joy" or TPH118A "O Thank the Lord for All His Goodness"**

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Psalm 118 verses 15-18. These are God's words. The voice of rejoicing in Salvation is in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of Yahweh as valiantly. The right hand of Yahweh is exalted. The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly I shall not die, but live And declare, the works of Yahweh. Yahweh has chastened me severely. But he has not given me. Over to death. Man, this ends this reading of God's inspired and inerrant word.

In which he teaches us. What the believer's home. What the Christian home sounds like. And it sounds. Loud at times. And the loudness, and the times of worship is matched by The joy and the Triumph and the exaltation of the hearts. The voice of rejoicing or the noise. The sound.

Of rejoicing, and salvation is in the tents of the righteous. And here, they're described as tents because they are on campaign with the Lord. This is not the. Exact same thing as In the Exodus and the Wilderness. Uh, the people went in a great camp with the Lord within their midst.

It is especially looking forward to And participating in the victory of Christ and Yahweh. The god man is the king who is surrounded by all the nations? Like we heard in verse 10 but we heard three times I will destroy them. I will destroy them. I will destroy them.

Uh, and The great picture of the Lord Jesus. As his people's Champion. So here we are. We're on campaign. This is very specifically military campaign with King Jesus. Uh, but we come along as those who are being delivered. Uh, the pain that we suffer in life has not suffered.

Uh, so much at the hands of our enemies who hate us to destroy us. But it comes to us, especially in the Providence of our God, in the Providence of our King, in the Providence of Jesus, who is Yahweh in the flesh, that Verse 18 We see, even that Affliction, which comes By what others have done to us.

We see, even that. As coming in the Providence and the Sovereign wisdom and fatherly. Love of the Lord Verse 18. Yahweh has chastened me severely and it doubles the verb there. It uses Uh, an infinitive form with an imperfect form and that common Hebrew construction to emphasize severely chastened Um, is just doubling of the verb there.

And it's describing the same thing. In fact, The Holy Spirit might have helped the Apostle. Um, In Hebrews 12. Uh by giving him memory of this verse, as he's writing about the fatherly goodness of God and how all true children receive discipline. Sophia.

About how all true children receive discipline. And how it is not pleasant at the moment, but painful. And he says here Yahweh is chasten me severely, but this is in the context of the one. Whom the Lord is delivering whom the Lord is saving. Is chasing me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

And so the chastening does not come In the fury of the wrath of God, and the wrath of the Messiah, like we saw against his enemies in verses 10 through 14. I will destroy them. I will destroy them. I will destroy them. No, it comes not to destroy, but to save to save us from death.

For indeed, our sin is death in us and if it remains in us, then we would end up in the second death, which is to be cast into the Lake of Fire as the Book of Revelation.

Describes it, but those whom the Lord is delivering from the second death.

He gives Holiness. And he gives up by the means of chastening. So that we will not perish forever, so that we will not die but live And to do what? Well. To do then forever. What we ought to be doing now. Voicing our rejoicing and salvation. Over the Lord and his victory.

The word valiantly being a word of victoriousness and strength and the word exalted. Uh, being a word of Uh, Victory also. But Being lifted up. And overcoming. And so strength in himself in his victory and overcoming his enemies in his victory delivering us so that we can verse 17 declare The Works of Yahweh.

And now that's something you get to do especially as we sing Uh, something you'll be doing as we sing this portion of his word in a minute. Um, and it is also something. Um, that you get to do. The public worship something that you do. Um, Uh, in your private worship times.

And it's something that your heart should be doing throughout the day. Uh, when the Apostle comes in Philippians 4, And he says rejoice in the Lord, always, One of the things he's doing is not saying be happy because of Jesus, always sure to some extent, but especially Uh, that your heart would be lifted up praising.

Praising him. Uh, and in Thanksgiving to him exalting him. And it becomes very difficult then. To maintain any sort of sin. If we're mindful of the greatness and goodness, and mercy of our God, Uh, and Then it's not just anxiety that is excluded this way, but how could we sin against him and often one of the things that he does and has chastening then Is he brings us to cry out to him for a Deliverance.

We know that we will have And we remember again, his salvation, we remember again his strength, we remember again that the purpose for our being saved is his praise and it brings us back to Uh, not just a confidence in him. But a Devotion to him. Uh, by which she helps us in our combat with sin.

And so may our house be Full of The that rejoicing and may your heart. Of that rejoicing. As we come into. Our portion having the Lord himself forever. One spray. Lord, thank you for this. A little section of this Psalm. When you pray, That. When we do receive chastening from you, You would remind us that you are the one who delivers.

Out of every trouble. And that when you send it, you send it in fatherly, love to turn us from our sin. And remind us of your Victory. So that we will Rejoice over you give us Hearts. We pray that Rejoice over you Throughout our life. So that we will.

Live with your joy as our strength. In Devotion to you and to your praise. Grant this, we ask in Jesus name, Amen.