

- What if I don't feel like giving thanks and praise?
 - ...when others receive good things that I am not receiving
 - ...when the struggle remains even after much prayer
 - ...when the pain (head, heart, hands) remains very real
 - ...when my heart is not eager to give thanks

**Hosanna: The cry for help
that becomes a song of praise
Psalm 118**

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- As Jesus approached Jerusalem, the people shouted:
 - Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Luke 19:38
- They were quoting Psalm 118:25-26:
 - Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- As Jesus approached His crucifixion, He probably sang this psalm

Psalm 118

- A song as the people gathered and went into the temple to praise God
- A song to bring us to praise God

1-4: **Leader: “His love endures forever!”**
 5-7: **Person: In my trouble, God rescued**
 8-9: **Chorus: Trust God, not people**
 10-14: **Person: In my trouble, God saved me**
 15-16: **Chorus: God does great things!**
 17-18: **Person: God disciplines, and He saves**
 19: **Person: I enter the temple to thank God!**
 20: **Gatekeeper: The temple is for the righteous**
 21: **Person: I enter by God’s salvation**
 22-24: **Chorus: God saves by Jesus, who was rejected**
 25-27a: **Chorus: Save us! Praise God!**
 27b-29: **Chorus: “His love endures forever!”**

²⁵ Lord, save us!

Hosanna = a shout of praise

Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

A cry for help becomes a song of praise when...

- We remember the times when we cried for help and God rescued
- We remember the times when others cried for help and God rescued

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of 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 love endures forever.

boughs = large branch used to show praise
festal = part of a festival
horns of the altar = symbols of the altar's power to rescue

The Big Idea

The Lord is good **full of generosity**
and His love endures forever
for all of His children in Christ

Application

Give thanks when we experience His love & goodness

- To God, and in the presence of His people

Give thanks when our brothers and sisters experience His love & goodness

- Not a “Zero Sum Game”
- Like a body with an infection

Give thanks in faith when it isn’t yet here

- “I will not die but live, for my Redeemer lives”
- Jesus’ resurrection gives life to all who trust Him

When in need, cry out, “O Lord my God, save me!”

- “Someday, this will become a song of praise!”

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The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!”**

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”