



GIVE THANKS

Enter the Gate! Ps 118



## **Ps 118:**

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it. 21 I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone. 23 This is the LORD'S doing; It is**





## Ps 118:

marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25 O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. 27 The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the



## Ps 118:

**horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I give  
thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You. 29  
Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His  
lovingkindness is everlasting.**





# Why Thanksgiving?

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- Jews celebrating the Temple
  - Rebuilt - Ezra/Nehemiah
  - Discipline from the Lord (18)
  - Now they return to God!
  - Jesus! For us... the “gate”!

# Gates of Righteousness

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- Gates are barriers... our sin
- God INVITES us to His presence!
  - Tearing of the veil
  - As we enter through – give thanks!
  - Gate of the Lord... Righteous enter



# Gates of Answers

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- Life is full of doubts, uncertainty
- The answer is ALWAYS God!
  - As we give thanks, answers come
  - “become” my salvation

# The Stone!

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- Jesus quotes this verse...
- Walking through the gate of thanks
- Rejected becomes chosen!
  - Due to 'perceived' value/worth

# Responses

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- The Lord's doing – marvelous!
- This is His day – rejoice, be glad
- Do save, we 'earnestly pray' beseech
- 'prosperity' – success, victory, complete
- Blessed is the one who comes... do we?

# Responses

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- The Lord is God = light! offerings
- You are my God! Give thanks
  - Extol – exalt, lift high, raise up
  - What do we ‘lift up’?



# Give thanks to the Lord

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- Note: 1<sup>st</sup> verse and last!
- He is Good!!! best, favorable
- Lovingkindness... *chesed*
- ...lasts forever!