

The Lord's People Are to Rejoice and Be Glad
(Psalm 118:24)

Introduction:

1. Psalm 118 begins (vs.1) and ends (vs.29) by showing that:
 - a. the Lord's people are to give thanks to Him
 - b. the Lord deserves our thanks because *"He is good"* and *"His mercy endureth for ever."*
2. In our lesson we are especially interested in the appeal made in vs.24.
3. This verse has 2 main parts:
 - a. First, the Lord has made a particular day [by doing so the Lord showed that He is good and that His mercy endures forever].
 - b. Second, the Lord's people are to rejoice and be glad in that day [one way we demonstrate joy and gladness is by giving thanks to the Lord].
4. The point is made many times in the Bible that . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE LORD'S PEOPLE ARE TO REJOICE AND BE GLAD
 - A. The Lord's people are to rejoice (Psalm 105:3; Philippians 3:1a; 4:4).
 - B. The Lord's people are to be glad (Psalm 100:2; Acts 2:46).
 - C. Many times, rejoicing and gladness are joined together in the Bible (Psalm 9:2; Revelation 19:7).
 - D. Because rejoicing and being glad are so important, we need to concentrate on matters that produce joy and gladness.
 - E. With this thought in mind, . . .
- II. LET US CONSIDER SOME DAYS THAT THE LORD HAS MADE
 - A. In Psalm 118, the writer was telling about a day that would occur in the future.
 1. We can identify that day from the information given in vs.22-23.
 2. In Matthew 21:42-43 Jesus showed that the psalmist wrote about Him.
 3. Jesus eventually became the chief corner stone of God's house, the church (Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:19-22).
 4. When this occurred, God demonstrated His goodness and mercy, and this is a reason for rejoicing and being glad.
 - B. The Lord has made some additional days that deserve our attention.
 1. The Lord's people know that every day is a blessing from God.
 - a. God has been making days for a long time (Genesis 1:3-5).
 - b. According to Psalm 19:1-2, the regular passing of days and nights indicates that God exists and that He is the Creator.
 - c. When God blesses us with each new day He demonstrates His goodness and mercy, and this is a reason for rejoicing and being glad.
 2. The Lord's people know that each 1st day of the week is a blessing from God.
 - a. Some special events took place on the 1st day of the week.
 - 1) Jesus was resurrected on the 1st day of the week (Luke 24:1-3).
 - 2) The Lord's church was established on the 1st day of the week (Acts 2).
 - b. The Bible teaches that Christians are to worship God on the 1st day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
 - c. On each 1st day of the week we are reminded of how God has demonstrated His goodness and mercy, and this is a reason for rejoicing and being glad (Psalm 122:1).
 3. The Lord's people know that God has appointed a day when His Son will return in judgment (Acts 17:30-31).

Conclusion:

1. In closing, let us consider another day that God has provided.
2. We read about it in 2 Corinthians 6:2 -- *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."*
3. The day of salvation is a time for rejoicing and being glad (Acts 8:36-39).