

 Bible Study Lesson: The Day the Lord Has Made - 02122026

 Focal Scripture (NIV – Psalm 118:19–24)

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

 Lesson Objectives

- Understand the imagery of gates, salvation, and the cornerstone in Psalm 118.
- Reflect on God’s marvelous work and the call to rejoice in His day.
- Recognize how thanksgiving and worship are central to entering God’s presence.
- Connect this psalm to Sabbath rest, Christian liberty, and worship in the Spirit.
- Prepare hearts for Sunday School lessons on Exodus 20:8–11, Romans 14:4–6, and Revelation 1:10.

 Verse Breakdown and Insights

- Verses 19–20: The “gates of the righteous” symbolize access to God’s presence. Only through His way can we enter.
- Verse 21: Thanksgiving flows from answered prayer—God Himself is our salvation.
- Verse 22: The rejected stone becoming the cornerstone points to Christ, the foundation of faith.
- Verse 23: God’s marvelous work is beyond human expectation—His plan is wondrous.
- Verse 24: Each day is God’s gift, especially the day of salvation. Rejoicing is the proper response.

 Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to enter through the “gates of the righteous”?

2. How does thanksgiving prepare our hearts for worship?
3. Why is Christ described as the cornerstone, and how does this apply to our lives?
4. How can we rejoice in the day the Lord has made, even in difficult times?
5. How does this psalm connect to Sabbath rest and worship in the Spirit?

Memory Verse

Psalm 118:24 (NIV): 24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Why This Lesson Prepares Us for Exodus 20:8–11, Romans 14:4–6, and Revelation 1:10

- Exodus 20:8–11: The Sabbath command calls us to remember God’s day and rest in Him. Psalm 118:24 reminds us to rejoice in the day the Lord has made.
- Romans 14:4–6: Believers honor different days unto the Lord. Psalm 118 emphasizes thanksgiving and rejoicing, showing that worship is about honoring God in every day.
- Revelation 1:10: John was “in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day.” Psalm 118 prepares us to enter God’s presence with joy and thanksgiving, aligning our hearts with worship in the Spirit.
- Together, these passages highlight the importance of honoring God’s day, rejoicing in His salvation, and worshiping Him in Spirit and truth.

Closing Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for opening the gates of righteousness and giving us salvation through Christ, the cornerstone. Help us to rejoice in the day You have made, to honor Your Sabbath, and to worship You in Spirit and truth. May our lives overflow with thanksgiving and gladness as we walk in Your presence. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Fill-in-the-Blank Worksheet (Participant Version)

Bible Study Worksheet: Psalm 118:19–24 (NIV)

Focus Scripture

“Open for me the _____ of the righteous; I will enter and give _____ to the Lord.” (v.19)

“The stone the builders _____ has become the _____.” (v.22)

“The Lord has done it this very _____; let us _____ today and be glad.” (v.24)

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Verse Breakdown

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- Verse 21: Thanksgiving flows from answered _____—God is our _____.
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Discussion Questions

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2. Why is Christ described as the _____, and how does this apply to our lives?
3. How can we _____ in the day the Lord has made, even in difficult times?

Memory Verse

Fill in the blanks:

“The Lord has done it this very _____; let us _____ today and be glad.” (Psalm 118:24)

Connection to Exodus, Romans, Revelation

- Exodus 20: The _____ command calls us to remember God’s day.
- Romans 14: Believers honor different _____ unto the Lord.
- Revelation 1: John was in the _____ on the Lord’s Day.
- Psalm 118: We are called to _____ and rejoice in God’s salvation.