

Treasure Hunt

- What is the condition for entering God's temple?
- How is this condition consistent with Solomon's prayer of dedication?
- When is Ps 118:19-27 fulfilled in our Savior's experience?
- Who are the "builders" in v. 22, and what "stone" did they reject?
- To whom is v. 25 addressed, and what does this suggest about post-exilic concepts of the Messiah?
- What kind of sacrifice is in view in v. 27?
- What is our appropriate response to being granted access to the temple with the true Israelite?

The Structure of Psa 118

Psa 118

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.*

2 Let Israel now say, that *his mercy endureth for ever.*

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that *his mercy endureth for ever.*

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that *his mercy endureth for ever.*

5-18 Israel confesses God's mercy

Israel: 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
House of Aaron: 20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.
Israel: 21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22-27 The House of Aaron confesses God's mercy

28 Israel confesses God's mercy

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.*

v. 20 Who may enter the Temple?

Isa 26:1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that **the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.**

Question: What about Solomon's dedicatory prayer that God would "hear in heaven, and **forgive the sin** of thy people Israel" (1 Kings 8: 30, 34, 36, 39, 50)?

Answer:

- "thy people Israel"
- In each case, depends on repentance and confession

People excluded from the temple:

- Athaliah, 2 Kings 11
- Uzziah, 2 Chr 26
- the moneychangers, John 2; Matt 21

Ps 118:22-26 in Matthew 21

Psa 118	Matt 21
<p>22 The stone <i>which</i> the builders refused is become the head <i>stone</i> of the corner. 23 This is the LORD'S doing; it <i>is</i> marvellous in our eyes.</p>	<p>42 Jesus saith unto them [the chief priests and elders, v. 23], Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ... 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.</p>
<p>25 Save now, I beseech thee (Hosanna), O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD:</p>	<p>9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. ... 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,</p>

What Temple is the Israelite entering in Psalm 118?

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of **the true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man. ... 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by **a greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood **he entered in once into the holy place**, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. ... 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but **the heavenly things themselves** with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; **but into heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Who are the “builders” and what “stone” did they reject in v. 22?

Isa 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for **we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves**: 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Deu 32:3 I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 *He is the Rock*, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he. ... 18 Of the **Rock** *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread. 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

To whom is v. 25 addressed?

25 Save now, I beseech thee [= *hosan-na* “Please save”], O LORD:
O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity [= *hatslixa-na*,
“Please prosper”].

Mat 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna to the Son of David**: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Zec 12:10 I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son,

Understanding v. 27

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light:

Ezr 9:8 And now for a little space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, **that our God may lighten our eyes**, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

bind the sacrifice [גֵּזֶר “festival”] with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Ezr 6:17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name. 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.