Lifelight: Selected Psalms Session 2 Readings

Day 1

Psalm 30

- 1 A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- 3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
- 7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

1 Chronicles 21:1-8

- 1 Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
- 2 So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number."
- 3 But Joab said, "May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord's servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?"
- 4 But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came back to Jerusalem.
- 5 And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to David. In all Israel there were 1,100,000 men who drew the sword, and in Judah 470,000 who drew the sword.
- 6 But he did not include Levi and Benjamin in the numbering, for the king's command was abhorrent to Joab.
- 7 But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel.
- 8 And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

Psalm 44:6-8

- 6 For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
- 7 But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah

Psalm 146:3

3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Daniel 9:9

9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him

Hebrews 8:12

12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Day 2

Psalm 118

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- 15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
- 16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

- 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- 29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Chronicles 20:20-28

- 20 And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed."
- 21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever."
- 22 And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.
- 23 For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.
- 24 When Judah came to the watchtower of the wilderness, they looked toward the horde, and behold, there were dead bodies lying on the ground; none had escaped.
- 25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found among them, in great numbers, goods, clothing, and precious things, which they took for themselves until they could carry no more. They were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much.
- 26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Beracah to this day.
- 27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies.
- 28 They came to Jerusalem with harps and lyres and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

Ezra 6:16

16 And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

John 10:7-10

- 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
- 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Matthew 21:42

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Mark 12:10

10 Have you not read this Scripture: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

Luke 20:17

17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

Ephesians 2:19-22

- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
- 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
- 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Acts 4:5-11

- 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,
- 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
- 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,
- 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,
- 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead- by him this man is standing before you well.
- 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

Psalm 118:21

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Day 3

Psalm 23

- 1 A PSALM OF DAVID. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me e all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2 Samuel 5:2

2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'"

Ezekiel 20:37-38

37 I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

38 I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Matthew 25:31-33

- 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
- 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Day 4

Psalm 23 – See Day 3

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righ teousness,

17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Psalm 119:11

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Day 5

Psalm 32

- 1 A MASKIL OF DAVID. Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
- 6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Luke 5:31-32

- 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Romans 2:4

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?