

# PSALMS

SERMON SERIES

**This Weeks Sermon**

*“Stumbling Stone”*

*Psalm 118*

# Psalm 118

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say:

“His love endures forever.”

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the LORD say:

“His love endures forever.”

<sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD;  
he brought me into a spacious place.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?

# Psalm 118

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

I look in triumph on my enemies.

<sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in humans.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.

<sup>10</sup> All the nations surrounded me,  
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

<sup>11</sup> They surrounded me on every side,  
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

# Psalm 118

<sup>12</sup> They swarmed around me like bees,  
but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

<sup>13</sup> I was pushed back and about to fall,  
but the LORD helped me.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

<sup>16</sup> The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

# Psalm 118

<sup>17</sup> I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.

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

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

# Psalm 118

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

# Psalm 118

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

*Psalm 118:22*

# Psalm 118

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

# *A Savored Stone*

# 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

# 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

# *A Stumbling Stone*

# 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.

# Romans 9:30:33

<sup>30</sup> What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup> but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup> as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

# *A Saving Stone*

## Acts 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is  
“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

# *A Sacrificial Stone*

## Luke 20:9-19

<sup>9</sup> He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup> At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

## Luke 20:9-19

<sup>13</sup> “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

<sup>14</sup> “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

## Luke 20:9-19

<sup>17</sup> Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:  
“ ‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces;  
anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup> The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

**The Stone is precious to those who  
believe...**

# 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# Gospel Application:

*How do you view the Stone?*