

118 Give thanks unto יהוה for God is good, for divine mercy is forever.

² May Israel say, “. . . for divine mercy is forever.”

³ May the House of Aaron say, “. . . for divine mercy is forever.”

⁴ May the Fearers of יהוה say, “. . . for divine mercy is forever.”

⁵ From dire straits I called out to יה, who answered me with the generosity of יה.

⁶ As faith in יהוה is mine, I have no fear; what can a mere mortal do to me?

⁷ If יהוה is among my helpers, I can stare down my enemies.

⁸ It is better to trust in יהוה than to trust in human beings; ⁹it is even better to trust in יהוה than to trust in noblemen.

¹⁰ Alien nations of all sorts surround me, but I shall cut them down to size in the name of יהוה.

¹¹ They swarm about me, surrounding me completely, but I shall cut them down to size in the name of יהוה.

¹² They swarm around me like bees, spreading like fire through dried-out thorns, but I shall cut them down to size in the name of יהוה.

¹³ You shoved me hard that I might fall, but יהוה helped me; ¹⁴יה is my strength and my song and will always be the source of my salvation.

¹⁵ The sound of joy and salvation is always heard in the tents of the righteous, for the right hand of יהוה is mighty.

¹⁶ Indeed, the right hand of יהוה is exalted; the right hand of יהוה is mighty.

- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live to tell the works of יה;
 ¹⁸ although יה afflicted me with grievous suffering, God did not put me to death.
- ¹⁹ Open the gates of righteousness for me, that
 I might pass through them and give thanks to יה.
- ²⁰ This is the gateway to יהוה; the righteous alone
 may pass through it.
- ²¹ I am thankful when You answer me, thus becoming
 the source of my salvation.
- ²² The stone the builders despised has ended up
 serving as the cornerstone; ²³ wondrous in our
 eyes, this can only have come from יהוה.
- ²⁴ This is truly the day יהוה has wrought, let us
 rejoice and be glad on it.
- ²⁵ We beseech You, יהוה, save us. We beseech You,
 יהוה, grant us success.
- ²⁶ Blessed be those who come in the name of יהוה;
 we bless you from the House of יהוה.
- ²⁷ יהוה is God and shall grant us light; loose the
 festival offering from its bonds and bring it up
 to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God and I give thanks to You, my
 God whom I exalt.
- ²⁹ Give thanks unto יהוה for God is good, for
 divine mercy is forever.