

The Psalms: The Rejected Cornerstone

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

Can you find the book of **PSALMS** in your Bible? We're going to read from **Psalm 118** today. We're looking at some of the psalms this month and noticing how they are quoted many years later in the New Testament. What's the connection to Jesus? How do the psalms help us see our King and understand his will for our lives?

Psalm 118 calls us to say "thank you" to God.

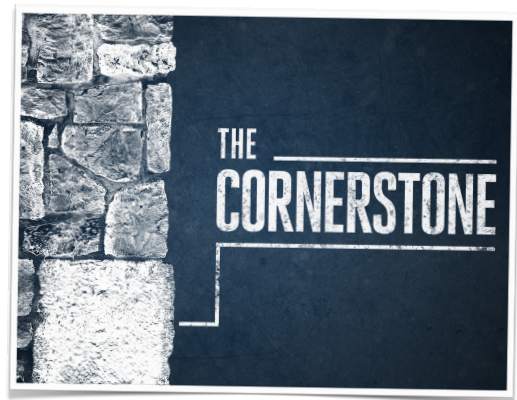
Oh give **thanks** to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! (118:1)

Notice especially what we find in **Psalm 118:22-23**:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the **cornerstone**.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

So what does that have to do with **OUR** King, Jesus? In **Matthew 21**, Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He cleansed the temple, but not everybody was happy to see him. They wanted to know, "Why are you here, and who told you to do these things?" Listen carefully to what Jesus said in **Matthew 21:42**. He asked, "Have you never read in the Scriptures?" And then he quotes **Psalm 118:22-23**. Why?



What did Jesus want **EVERYONE** to see? Listen to what he said next...

"Therefore I tell you, the **kingdom** of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." (Matthew 21:43-44)

What's the connection? What does it have to do with our search for our King? How does Jesus fulfill **Psalm 118**? **Let's talk about it...**

FOUNDATION STONES



🔊 What's a **"CORNERSTONE"**?

🔊 What (or **WHO**) is the **"cornerstone"** we're supposed to build our lives on?

🔊 Didn't Jesus tell us a parable about that in his Sermon on the Mount? Can you find **Matthew 7:24-27** in your Bible? Let's read that parable together.

- The wise man built his house on the _____.
- The foolish man built his house on the _____.



🔊 But what made the wise man **WISE**? Listen carefully to Jesus in **Matthew 7:24**: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and _____ them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

🔊 What made the foolish man **FOOLISH**? What did Jesus say in **Matthew 7:26**? "And everyone who hears these words of mine and does _____ do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

🔊 If Jesus is my **CORNERSTONE**, what am I going to do?

🔊 **Psalm 118** called us to say "thank you" to God, remember? What are **YOU** thankful for today?