

# PSALM 108 vs 1

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This Psalm is to be sung jubilantly as a national hymn, or solemnly as a sacred Psalm. Since the Holy Spirit is not short of expressions that He needs to repeat Himself, and the repetition cannot be meant merely to fill the book; then there must be some intent in the arrangement of two previous songs in a new connection, whether or not we can discover the intent. We have before us **The Warrior's Morning Song**, with which he adores his God and strengthens his heart before entering upon the conflicts of the day. So David appeals to his God and sets up his banner in the name of YHWH, **Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.**



Divisions. First we have the spirit of praise (1-5); then a second deliverance evoked by the spirit of believing prayer (6-12); and a final word of resolve (13). As the warrior hears the trumpet summoning him to join the battle and therefore marches with his soldiers into the fray – Charles Spurgeon.

**A Song, a Psalm of David,**

**<sup>1</sup> My heart is fixed O God; I will sing and give praise, even with my boast.**

**<sup>2</sup> Awake, guitar and harp: I awaken the dawn.**

**<sup>3</sup> Lifting my praise among the people, O LORD: I give thanks to You among the nations;**

**<sup>4</sup> for greater above the heavens is Your **mercy**: and to the clouds Your truth.**

**<sup>5</sup> Be exalted above the heavens, O God: and above all the **earth** Your glory;**

Think about it: These are the same words sung in the cave of Adullam – Psalm 57, and are the result of faith which begins its battles amid domestic enemies of the most malicious kind; but here expresses the continued resolve and praise of a man who has weathered many campaigns, who has overcome conflicts at home, and looks forward to conquests far and wide; it served as a fine close for one psalm, and it makes a noteworthy opening for another. What was learned in the past, is valuable for the present.

"I awaken the dawn". Some singers need to awaken, for they sing in slow tones, as if they were half asleep; and the tune drags wearily along, with no feeling or sense in the singing; the listener hears only a dull, mechanical sound, as if the choir ground out the notes from a worn-out accordion. Oh choristers, wake up! This is not a work of dreamers, but requires your best powers in their liveliest condition. The whole earth with all the abilities of all mankind would be too little for their hallelujah! David had none of the elitism of the modern Jew, or the narrow-heartedness of nominal Christians. But for God's sake, that His glory might be everywhere revealed, he longed to see heaven and earth full of the divine praise. Amen! – Charles Spurgeon.

**<sup>6</sup> that Your beloved one is delivered:**

**save with Your right hand, and answer me.**

**<sup>7</sup> God spoke in His holiness; and I rejoice:**

**I divide Shechem, and measure the valley of Succoth;**

**<sup>8</sup> my Gilead; my Manasseh; Ephraim the helmet for my head; Judah my lawgiver.** / David, like Moses is aware of the promised great nation, the greater commonwealth of nations; and the House of the Jewish people,

**<sup>9</sup> Moab my washbowl; over Edom I toss my shoe; over Philistia I triumph.** / losers still in the news today.

**<sup>10</sup> Who will carry me into the besieged city? who will guide me into Edom?**

**<sup>11</sup> Have You not rejected us, O God? Will You, O God, not go with our armies?**

**<sup>12</sup> Give us help in our distress: useless is the help of man.**

Think about it: Let this prayer benefit all the beloved ones. Sometimes a nation seems to hang on the previous petitions of one man, the Lord made large promises to David, and these He guaranteed, and gave the son of Jesse great blessings; there was no fear that God who makes covenant would turn from His word. If God has spoken we may well be glad; divine revelation is a joy. If the Lord meant to destroy us, He would not have spoken to us as He has done. David sat before the Lord in wonder and great joy. See how David prays as if he has the blessing already. Thankful hearts dwell on the gifts the Lord has given them, and remember to mention them one by one. Those mentioned in David's prayer are all in the news today!

**Manasseh, the great nation** when the time of the Gentiles ends, **Ephraim, the great commonwealth of nations** who have the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Ephraim and Manasseh ½ Egyptian brothers of Joseph; and **Judah**, father of the Jewish people have different histories.

**Isn't it interesting, these are the 3 leaders** greatly blessed by God; in their last days before Jesus the Messiah returns, will fall from God's favor, having been given the assignment to carry His great name to the ends of the earth; but instead of trusting God, Herodians moved in and took over those 3 nations. When Messiah comes, He will take care of them, and it will be ugly. **The prophet Zechariah tells us the details.** But back to David whose tight spot back then is nothing compared to what's coming, especially since the 3 leaders now days don't have a clue what to pray for.

**<sup>13</sup> Through God we do valiantly: for He tramples our enemies.**

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