

# **A VICTOR'S PSALM**

## **Psalm 108**

**Tonight we'll look at two keys for spiritual success**

### **I. PRAISING GOD** (1-5)

#### **A. THE HEART OF PRAISE (1a) > Confident**

1. The heart of one who praises is steadfast
2. There is a disciplined, firm, unswerving and unwavering trust in God

#### **B. THE MUSIC OF PRAISE (1b-2) > Meaningful**

1. Grounded in trust
2. Sung sincerely and enthusiastically (1b)
3. Played skillfully and early (2a)

#### **C. THE MESSAGE OF PRAISE (3) > Vocalized**

1. The Means: Speaking thanks and singing praise
2. The Manifestation
  - a. Praising God publically
  - b. Praising God nationally: Among the peoples
  - c. Praising God internationally: Among the nations

#### **E. THE REASONS FOR PRAISE (4) > God's Attributes**

1. God's excessive lovingkindness
2. God's expansive truth

#### **F. THE REFRAIN OF PRAISE (5) > Lifting God up**

1. Be exalted: Set God above the heavens
  - Get the right person on the throne
2. Be glorified: His place is above the clouds
3. Look up to God with reverence and respect
  - His praise should be proportionate to His greatness

### **II. PRAYING TO GOD** (6-13)

#### **A. THE REQUESTS OF PRAYER (6)**

1. An urgent prayer for deliverance
2. A representative man, seeking God's salvation for his nation!
3. Application: It's OK to ask God for help

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#### B. AN ASSURANCE IN PRAYER (7-9)

1. Remember that God has spoken! (7a)
2. Note that God's plan spans the region
3. Never fear those who are on the wrong side of God! (9)
4. Application: Know what God has spoken and claim His promises

#### C. A QUESTION IN PRAYER (10)

1. What about that which is as yet unconquered?
2. Some areas were not yet overcome (they were still waiting), yet David is not overwhelmed ... but absolutely confident
3. The full results were not yet known, so he feels free to speak to God about this
4. Application: It's OK to ask when, why or how - See James 1:5

#### D. LAMENTATION in Prayer (11)

1. David is concerned about the consequences of past and/or present sins among his people
2. David recognizes the affects of sin and separation from God
3. Historical lessons are meaningful
  - a. When God is not involved or consulted ... we lose! > Exp: The Israelites at Ai
  - b. We must ask for God's advice - See I Sam. 23:12; II Sam. 2:1 and 5:17-19
4. Practical application is essential
  - a. Don't get away from or ahead of God
  - b. Defeat comes when we delete God!

#### E. REALITY in Prayer (12-13)

1. Determination: We need God's help in trouble (12)
  - a. It is our part to pray: Because we perceive man's uselessness
  - b. It is God's part to provide: And we depend on Him
2. Resolve: Through God we will do valiantly (13)
  - a. In reality this is a prophecy based on God's dependability
  - b. "Through God" is our true secret to success!

### CONCLUSION:

*We will know victory and spiritual success when we praise God and pray to Him*

**Through God might we likewise go and do valiantly!**