

Psalm 108 A Song of David (Note: Verses 1-5 were taken from Ps 57:7-11, and verses 6-13 come from Psalm 60:6-12)¹

The LORD is to be praised and glorified

¹ Heavenly Father, I have accepted the LORD Jesus Christ² as my personal savior, and I am committed to serving Him for the rest of my life. This decision is fixed, and nothing will change that. Because Christ is so great and powerful, I will sing praises to Him with all of my being. ² I will get out of bed early and welcome the dawn by singing praises to the LORD accompanied by the beautiful, edifying music of stringed instruments. ³ I will give thanks to Jesus Christ among those who have been born again, and I will sing praises to Him in the presence of unbelievers of other nations. ⁴ Father, Your tender love and kindness is great and reaches to the heavens, and Your truth is so far-reaching that it extends beyond the farthest galaxy in the universe. ⁵ Let the whole world see how You are greater than anyone or anything in power, authority, wisdom, strength, and love, and let Your glory be seen throughout the known universe. ⁶ LORD, since You are so great, rescue me and Your other beloved ones by Your great power.

The LORD's response (the following verses are copied from Psalm 60:6-12)

⁷ I ask this because in the past You have done many works either for or to others. LORD, You said the following words¹, and what You said in Your holiness must be true.

How He will deal with His enemies

"I will rejoice over My enemies, and I will accomplish the following:

Shechem lies in the valley between Mt. Ebal to the north and Mt. Gerizim to the south. I will remove the Canaanite inhabitants from there and give the land to whoever I desire.

How He will deal with those special to Him

⁸ Gilead is mine. It was primarily occupied by the tribe of Gad in biblical times. Manasseh is mine too. It lay east of the Jordan River and north of Gad. Ephraim is located in the center of the nation and was later dominated by the Northern Kingdom. It symbolizes the crown on my head. Judah is to the south and was later dominated by the Southern Kingdom. It is My lawgiver.

How He will deal with those who are immoral and proud

⁹ Moab is located to the east of the Dead Sea, and I consider it morally dirty. I have nothing but contempt for Edom, and I will humble Philistia because of her pride."

Back to David

¹⁰ Who will provide the help we need so that my army can get into the heavily fortified city of Edom? ¹¹ You haven't done it because You have rejected us and will not go into battle with us. ¹² LORD, please change Your mind and help us when we go out in battle against our enemies. We really need Your help because it is useless to depend upon the strength of men to win the war. ¹² If You will help us, we will fight valiantly, and we will see how You tread down our enemies before us.

Your servant,

David

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(His explanation of the geographic regions in verses 7 and 8).

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