

**Psalms 108:0 ¶ A Song *or* Psalm of David.**

Commentators make note that this psalm of David is a composite of portions of Psalm 57 and 60. I liked the way Spurgeon described it: “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....In Psalm 57:7-11 these words are a song in the cave of Adullam, and are the result of faith which is beginning its battles amid domestic enemies of the most malicious kind; but here they express the continued resolve and praise of a man who has already weathered many a campaign, has overcome all home conflicts, and is looking forward to conquests far and wide.”

**Psalms 108:1 ¶ O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.**

**Psalms 108:2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.**

David declares his heart to be faithfully determined on worshipping God. He will sing and praise God with all his being and considers it his honor to do so. He pictures getting up early and waking up his instruments to join him in singing God’s praise.

I believe God gave us music to help us express our love and praise to him and to provide healing and encouragement when times are tough. Music is the language of heart and soul. So many times I have taken comfort from music that is filled with the truth of God’s promises and His love for us. Sadly, Satan also knows the power of music and has managed to corrupt it according to his own wicked purposes.

**Psalms 108:3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.**

**Psalms 108:4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.**

David is committed to praising the LORD publicly. The predominant themes of his songs are mercy and truth. He basically describes God’s mercy and truth as immeasurable—beyond our ability to truly comprehend.

**Psalms 108:5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;**

David utters a prayer that God be exalted as is His due and His glory made evident throughout the earth.

I am so looking forward to that time. I believe that David's prayer will be answered in full when the LORD Jesus comes to take the throne of David in Jerusalem and rule as King of kings over the whole earth.

**Psalms 108:6 ¶ That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with thy right hand*, and answer me.**

David pleads with God to deliver His beloved with the arm of His strength in answer to his prayer. The term "beloved" could refer to either David or the people of Israel as a whole; both make sense in the context.

*2 Samuel 7:8 "Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel....I will be his father, and he shall be my son."*

*Deuteronomy 7:6–8 "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **But because the Lord loved you**, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."*

**Psalms 108:7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.**

**Psalms 108:8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;**

**Psalms 108:9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.**

David is basically attributing the fate of Israel and the nations to the power and authority of God and references the word of God as his source (though I could not find specific references to quote). Maybe David recognizes these as prophetic words from the LORD, declaring that the armies of Israel led by David would be victorious over their enemies.

Shechem, the valley of Succoth, Gilead (located east of Jordan) Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah make reference to the whole of Israel. "Judah is my lawgiver" makes reference to the fact that Judah was designated as the royal tribe, the tribal heritage of the Messiah.

Moab (descendants of Lot) and Edom (descendants of Esau) were both related to the Israelites and along with Philistia represent some of the main enemies of Israel.

**Psalms 108:10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?**

**Psalms 108:11 Wilt not thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?**

**Psalms 108:12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.**

**Psalms 108:13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.**

I liked the CJB for these verses: *“Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? God, have you rejected us? You don’t go out with our armies, God. Help us against our enemy, for human help is worthless. With God’s help we will fight valiantly, for he will trample our enemies.”*

David continues his plea for God to help them. He knows that no human army can give them victory over their enemy; only God can. With God on their side, he knows that victory is sure.

Spurgeon: *“Faith is neither a coward nor a sluggard: she knows that God is with her, and therefore she does valiantly; she knows that he will tread down her enemies, and therefore she arises to tread them down in his name. Where praise and prayer have preceded the battle, we may expect to see heroic deeds and decisive victories.”*