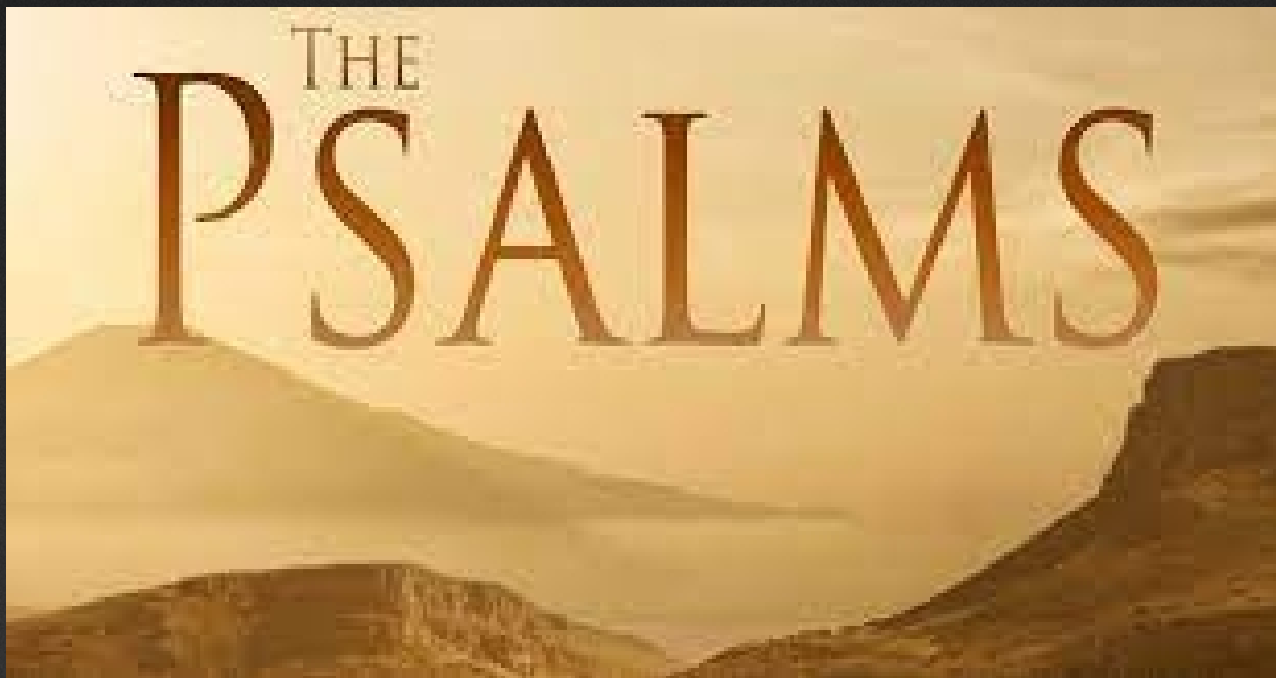


August 31–September 6

Psalms 102–103; 110; 116–119; 127–128; 135–139; 146–150

“Let Every Thing That Hath Breath Praise the Lord”



Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 102:13-18

What promises concerning Zion does the Lord give to "the generation to come"?

Bruce R. McConkie

“The holy man of old who spake as he was moved upon by the Holy Ghost said these words: ‘This shall be written for the generation to come’; it is sent to ‘the people which shall be created, to a people who ‘shall praise the Lord.’

“We are that people, a people who once again receive revelation, a people to whom God has given anew the fulness of his everlasting gospel, in consequence of which we praise his holy name forever.

“The message which has come to us is that the Lord will ‘have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.” The message is that “when the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.” (CR, April 1977)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 103:17-22

Who does the psalmist say qualifies to receive the Lord's mercy and righteousness?

James E. Faust

“May you have an eternal perspective as you go about your angelic cause of doing good so that it will not only lead you to become great women but ultimately to become queens in the eternities.

“I ask the Lord to bless each of you precious young sisters that you will, as the Psalmist said, be ‘his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.’ I pray that you may enjoy the righteous desires of your heart.” (CR, April 1998)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 110:2-4

What blessing is promised to those who keep their covenants?

Dale G. Renlund

“This oath pertains only to the Melchizedek Priesthood, and it is God who swears the oath, not the priesthood holder. It is God who swears an oath as He makes the covenant with the recipient. Elder Bruce R. McConkie said: ‘The Lord swears with an oath in his own name ... that everyone who keeps the covenant made in connection with the Melchizedek Priesthood shall inherit, receive, and possess all things in his everlasting kingdom. ... God swore with an oath that Christ would be exalted, and he swears anew, at the time each of us receives the Melchizedek Priesthood, that we will have a like exaltation if we are true and faithful in all things’ (‘The Doctrine of the Priesthood,’ pg. 33). (CR, Oct. 2017)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 116:7-15

What can we look forward to, because of the atonement, if we keep the commandments?

Russell M. Nelson

“The aging process is also a gift from God, as is death. The eventual death of your mortal body is essential to God’s great plan of happiness. Why? Because death will allow your spirit to return home to Him. [The Psalmist wrote, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.’ Death is precious because it is a ‘homecoming’ for the Saint with the Lord.] From an eternal perspective, death is only premature for those who are not prepared to meet God.” (CR, Oct. 2013)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 118:5-9

How much confidence should we place in the wisdom of man, even those who hold positions of great authority?

Thomas S. Monson

“We must have faith in ourselves, faith in the ability of our Heavenly Father to bless us and to guide us in our endeavors. Many years ago the writer of a psalm wrote a beautiful truth: ‘It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.’ In other words, let us put our confidence in the ability of the Lord to guide us. Friendships, we know, may alter and change, but the Lord is constant.” (CR, Oct. 2007)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 118:21-26

What do these verses teach us about Jesus Christ and why He is central to our salvation?

Matt 21:42-45

42) Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43) Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44) And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45) And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 147:1-3

What do these verses teach us about the Savior's Atonement and His power to heal us?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“My dear friends, the Savior heals the broken heart and binds up your wounds. Whatever your challenges may be, wherever you live on this earth, your faithful membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the divine powers of the gospel of Jesus Christ will bless you to endure joyfully to the end.” (CR, Oct. 2007)

Promised Blessings From the Lord

Pss 127:3-5

What does it mean that "children are an heritage of the Lord," and how should that influence the way we raise them?

“Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. ‘*Children are an heritage of the Lord.*’ Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, and to teach them to love and serve one another, observe the commandments of God, and be law-abiding citizens wherever they live.” (“The Family: A Proclamation to the World”, 2010)

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:7-12, 33-35, 71-73

The psalmist repeatedly asks the Lord to teach him and give him understanding. What does this teach us about how we should seek to learn the gospel?

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:28-32, 58-60, 105, 143-146

In what ways has the gospel provided the light and direction you need to stay on the strait and narrow path?

Joseph B. Wirthlin

“We have scriptures that reveal the word of God to mankind through the ages. When we feast upon the word of God, we open our minds to eternal truths and our hearts to the gentle whisperings of the Holy Ghost. Truly God’s word, through scriptures and modern-day prophets, is a ‘lamp unto [our] feet, and a light unto [our] path’ (Ps. 119:105).” (CR, Oct 2001)

Carlos E. Asay

“An assessment of one’s current position, in relationship to the ultimate goal of eternal life, can and must be obtained by looking toward the light which comes from God through personal revelation, the scriptures, and the words of living prophets.

“The Psalmist said, ‘I thought on my ways, and turned my feet.’ Of the prodigal son, it is written, ‘He came to himself’ (Luke 15:17). We too must think on our ways, come to ourselves, and turn our feet toward God, who is our goal.” (CR, April 1996)

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:51-53, 84-87, 110-119

How does living the gospel help us withstand the ridicule, persecution, deception, and influences of “the wicked”?

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:92-104

How does loving and understanding God's word help us recognize and choose the right while avoiding evil?

Marion G. Romney

“The Psalmist thus recounts the rewards which follow knowing and meditating upon the word of God: 'O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.... Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every [evil] way' (Ps. 119:97,104)

“I am persuaded, my brothers and sisters, that it is irrational to hope to escape the lusts of the world without substituting for them as the subjects of our thoughts the things of the Spirit, and I know that the things of the Spirit are taught with mighty power in the Book of Mormon. I believe with all my heart, for example, that if our young people could come out of our homes thoroughly acquainted with the life of Nephi, imbued with the spirit of his courage and love of truth, they would choose the right when the choice is placed before them.” (CR, April 1980)

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:2-3, 22-24, 46

How does a strong testimony help us face criticism, opposition, or difficult circumstances?

John Longden

“I have heard testimonies of those newly converted to the Church, and I have heard testimonies of those who have been stalwarts through the years. It is recorded by the Psalmist David: ‘Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart’ (Ps. 119:2).

“Yes, I am also mindful that there is great strength in the evidence we have from people paying their tithes and offerings that this work of the Lord may grow and progress. I believe that the strength of this Church lies in the individual testimony which people may possess if they will but conform their teachings of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.” (CR, Oct. 1954)

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:36-40, 153-159

How does being quickened help us overcome the pull of the world, such as covetousness, vanity, fear, and discouragement?

Seeking, Knowing, and Living the Gospel

Pss 119:13-16, 45, 160-165

How does trusting in the truth of God's word help us find peace when we face challenges, uncertainty, or opposition?

David A. Bednar

“To believe that someone or something can make us feel offended, angry, hurt, or bitter diminishes our moral agency and transforms us into objects to be acted upon. As agents, however, you and I have the power to act and to choose how we will respond to an offensive or hurtful situation....

“Through the strengthening power of the Atonement of Jesus Christ, you and I can be blessed to avoid and triumph over offense. ‘Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.’” (CR, Oct. 2006)

Next Week:

September 7–13

Proverbs 1–4; 15–16; 22; 31;

Ecclesiastes 1–3; 11–12

“He Shall Direct
Thy Paths”

