

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# UNSINKABLE FAITH

## PSALMS 108

Text:

Introduction:

In the face of mounting difficulties and growing dangers, and amid the ordeal of fiery trials, a true, God-centered faith will ultimately remain strong and steadfast.

This is the unwavering nature of faith that is anchored in God. Trusting the Lord does not eliminate one's problems, nor make them less than what they really are.

In the midst of every difficulty, faith always sees the opportunity for God to work.

Someone once said: "Where reason cannot wade, there faith may swim."

This is the kind of faith that we see in the life of David in Psalm 108.

In this psalm David praises God's great love toward him and petitions divine help against his enemies.

Note:

## 1. DAVID'S FAITH (VS. 1-6)

### ***Psalm 108:1-6***

*<sup>1</sup> O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. <sup>2</sup> Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. <sup>3</sup> I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. <sup>4</sup> For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. <sup>5</sup> Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth; <sup>6</sup> That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.*

#### A. My Heart Is Steadfast (vs. 1)

In the midst of his adversity, David declared to God that his heart was steadfast.

His soul was fixed and firm, stable and settled, not tossed to and fro.

He was steadfast because of his sure confidence in God, who is in control over all.

A steady heart is a singing heart.

Confidence in God gave David something to sing about.

Even in the face of battle and deadly foes, David sang to the Lord songs of praise, not merely with his lips but out of his soul, from the very depths of his being.

B. My Heart Is Singing (vs. 1b-4)

***Psalm 108:2-4***

*<sup>2</sup> Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.*

*<sup>3</sup> I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. <sup>4</sup> For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.*

His songs of praise will be accompanied by the joyful instruments of the harp and psaltery.

Even those who were his enemies among the peoples and the nations would hear his praises of God.

David could sing so confidently because God's unconditional, loyal love toward his own people is a love that is fixed forever.

Further, God's faithfulness is reason to sing. God will keep his word and never forsake his people.

## C. My Heart Is Soaring (vs. 5-6)

### ***Psalm 108:5-6***

*<sup>5</sup> Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth; <sup>6</sup> That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.*

God is exalted above the heavens, regardless of David's threatening circumstances.

His glory is over all the earth, no matter how the nations rage against him. In this particular adversity, it will be clear that God is over all.

God will show how greatly exalted he is by delivering those whom he loves out of this hour of crisis.

Not only do we see David's Faith but also:

## 2. DAVID'S FOUNDATION (VS. 7-9)

### ***Psalm 108:7-9***

<sup>7</sup> *God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.*

<sup>8</sup> *Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;* <sup>9</sup> *Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.*

#### A. God's Hand Is Strong (vs. 6)

### **Psalm 108:6**

<sup>6</sup> That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

God Is Able to Save and Deliver

#### B. God's Spoken Word (vs. 7-9)

David declares God has spoken, and because of that David was rejoicing.

God has spoken from his sanctuary, David declared. All God's words are holy, supreme, and true, without any mixture of error.

This Divine revelation is the very foundation of David's faith.

We have briefly considered David's Faith and Foundation, note lastly:

### **3. DAVID'S FIGHT (vs. 10-13)**

#### ***Psalm 108:10-13***

*<sup>10</sup> Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? <sup>11</sup> Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? <sup>12</sup> Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. <sup>13</sup> Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.*

#### A. The Searching Question (vs. 10)

Who will Deliver Me?

Who Will Lead Me?

#### B. The Affirming Answer (vs. 11)

#### ***Psalm 108:11-13***

*<sup>11</sup> Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? <sup>12</sup> Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. <sup>13</sup> Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.*

Victory ultimately belongs to the Lord.

David offered this petition, that God would give us aid against the enemy.

David's faith was rightly placed. It was with God alone that he would gain the victory.

Close:

In an hour of crisis, David drew strength by recalling the promises God had made in his Word.

He stood strong by remembering how God gave his people the Promised Land as their inheritance, just as he had pledged.

David was emboldened by clinging to the unshakeable promises in God's Word.

Because God had already promised to give his people the Promised Land, the psalmist believed that victory would be his.