

Songs of praise

The rejected saviour

Psalm 118:1–29

The LORD's steadfast love v1–4

Psalm 18:50 (also 2 Samuel 7:12–16, Jeremiah 33, Psalm 89:1–4)
Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows **steadfast love** to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.

The LORD's suffering king

- distressed but dependent v5–9
- surrounded but saved v10–16
- tested but true v17–21

The LORD's saved people v22–28

Acts 4:11 ESVUK

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does this psalm focus our minds on what is meant by the steadfast love of the Lord?
- What in this psalm moves your heart so you can sing v1 and mean it?
- Read over the psalm slowly and reflect on how these words came to amazing reality in the life of Jesus. (eg v5 and Hebrews 5:7, v10—Acts 4:27, v18—Hebrews 5:8, v19—Hebrews 9:24, v22—Mark 12:10 or Acts 4:11, or Ephesians 2:20, or 1 Peter 2:4–7, v25–26—Mark 11:9, v27—1 Corinthians 5:7)
- How does knowing this help you sing v1 and mean it?