



Palms, Psalms, and The Patriarch

Psalms 118:19-29

Hosanna

- The people of Israel forgot their past, their history, and the promises of God.
- Psalms 113-118 are called the Great Hallelujah Psalms as they were sung by the children of Israel as they gathered for the festivals and feasts in Jerusalem.
- Psalm 118 is more than just a cry for salvation for within that cry is the answer to the prayer that was prayed.
- Palm Sunday, in order to be Palm Sunday, must end at the altar of sacrifice.

The Alter of Sacrifice

- The bound sacrifice was at the heart of the Palm Sunday victory celebration.
- The last sentence of Psalm 118:27 took the people from the Psalm to the patriarch.
- The story of Abraham's call to sacrifice Issac was one of the most powerful stories in all scripture.
- Abraham named that place *Jehovah Jireh*, The Lord Will Provide, because it was on the mountain of the Lord that God provided the lamb.
- The people quoted a Psalm that pointed to a sacrifice.

The Sacrificial Lamb

- On that same day, the Bethlehem lambs were being brought to the temple for selection.
- At that exact moment God was bringing His Bethlehem lamb to the same place.
- The day that Jesus entered Jerusalem was not Palm Sunday, it was Selection Sunday.
- A lamb without blemish was chosen on the tenth day of Nissan in order that it might be sacrificed on the fourteenth day.

Four Days

- During those four days, the priests examined the lamb to certify that it was without spot and blemish and was worthy for sacrifice.
- For four days, Jesus was examined by the Pharisees, by the teachers of the law, and by the Scribes who could find nothing against Him.
- God took it a step further and brought His Son into the presence of the government that also found no fault in Him.
- God rejected the lamb of Bethlehem and said, *“My lamb alone can bring salvation.”*
- The words of Abraham were fulfilled, God provided His lamb.

Conclusion

- God is still holding forth His perfect lamb; He is still offering the world His choice.
- Will you take the solutions of the world that never satisfy and cannot save, or will you take God's perfect Lamb?
- We ought to once again recover Palm Sunday's ancient Hebraic roots and say, "It is a *Day of Selection.*"
- "*Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.*"