

## Our Clever “Ahead of the Game” God!

Psalms 118:8-9 AAT

March 16, 2014

### PROCESSION TO THE TEMPLE

(On the way:)

- 1 Thank the LORD because He is good and loves us forever.
- 2 Israel should say, “He loves us forever.”
- 3 Aaron’s family should say, “He loves us forever.”
- 4 Those who fear the LORD should say, “He loves us forever.”
- 5 From my place of confinement I called the LORD.  
The LORD answered me from His place of freedom.
- 6 *The LORD is for me, I am not afraid.*  
*What can man do to me?*
- 7 The LORD is for me; He helps me;  
in victory I view those who hate me.
- 8 **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust men.**
- 9 **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust the best of men.**
- 10 All the nations surrounded me—  
in the LORD’s Name I have cut them off;
- 11 they surrounded me, yes, surrounded me—  
in the LORD’s Name I have cut them off;
- 12 they surrounded me like bees;  
but like burning thorns they were quenched;  
in the LORD’s Name I have cut them off.
- 13 You pushed hard to make me fall,  
but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and protection,  
but He has saved me.
- 15 Listen to the happy shouting of victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
the LORD’s right hand is working mightily,
- 16 the LORD holds high His right hand,  
the LORD’s right hand is working mightily.
- 17 I will not die but live and tell what the Lord has done;
- 18 the LORD sharply corrected me but did not let me die.

(Entering:)

- 19 Open the gates of righteousness for me;  
I will go into them and thank the LORD.
  - 20 This is the LORD’s gate—the righteous go into it.
- (Inside:)
- 21 I thank You, for You have answered me  
and have become my **Deliverer**.
  - 22 *The Stone the builders rejected*  
*has become the Cornerstone;*
  - 23 *the LORD has done this, and we think it is wonderful;*
  - 24 the LORD made this day;  
let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
  - 25 LORD, please save. LORD, please give us success.
  - 26 *Blessed is He who comes in the LORD’s Name;*  
we bless You in the LORD’s Temple.
  - 27 The LORD is God, and He gives us light.  
March in festive procession with branches up to **the horns of the altar**.
  - 28 You are my God, and I thank You,  
my God, I honor You highly.
  - 29 Thank the LORD because He is good and loves us forever!