

SERMON  
OUTLINE

INEXPRESSIBLE PRAISE

PSALM 118:1-29 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

Psalm 118 invites God’s people into a response that goes beyond ordinary words. Framed by the repeated call to give thanks for the Lord’s goodness and steadfast love, this psalm shows how reflection on God’s faithfulness produces praise that cannot be contained. As we come to the close of the year, Psalm 118 teaches us that when God’s saving work is remembered rightly, praise rises from the heart in ways that words alone cannot fully express.

The psalm opens with a communal summons to thanksgiving. Israel, the house of Aaron, and all who fear the Lord are called to declare the same truth: the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever. This repetition is intentional—it trains God’s people to anchor their worship not in circumstances but in God’s unchanging

character. Inexpressible praise begins when gratitude is grounded in who God is, not merely in what He gives (Psalm 118:1–4, 28–29).

The psalmist then recalled God’s faithfulness in distress. When surrounded by pressure, opposition, and danger, he testified that the Lord answered, delivered, and stood by him as Helper and Refuge. Human help proved insufficient, but God’s presence proved decisive. As these memories were rehearsed, praise deepened—because the psalmist recognized that survival, victory, and strength all came from the Lord’s hand alone (Psalm 118:5–16).

At the heart of the psalm, thanksgiving gave way to testimony. The psalmist declared that though disciplined, he was not abandoned; though rejected,

God brought restoration. What others dismissed, God exalted, and what seemed impossible became a display of God’s marvelous work. This recognition led to joy, celebration, and renewed confidence in God’s saving power (Psalm 118:17–24).

The psalm closed with prayer, blessing, and sacrifice. Gratitude did not remain silent or private—it moved God’s people to worship, obedience, and public praise. Inexpressible praise is the natural response when God’s enduring love is remembered, His saving work is celebrated, and His faithfulness is confessed before others. As we look back on the year, Psalm 118 calls us not merely to speak thanks but to live our lives marked by praise that flows from hearts overwhelmed by the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 118:25–29).✱

ENDING THE YEAR WITH  
INEXPRESSIBLE PRAISE

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As we gather on this final Sunday of 2025, we pause—not simply because a calendar year is ending, but because God has faithfully carried us through another season of His grace. Today is a fitting moment to look back with gratitude, to look up in worship, and to look ahead with hope.

Our year-end message today is drawn from **Psalm 118:1–29**, titled **“Inexpressible Praise.”** It opens and closes with the same declaration: *“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”* This call trains our hearts to give thanks by remembering who God is and how He has worked.

Psalm 118 calls God’s people to remember His faithfulness and respond with praise rooted in gratitude. When God’s steadfast love is remembered, praise follows—becoming praise that words alone cannot fully express.

As we reflect on **2025**, many of us can say the same. This year held both joy and sorrow within the same loving hands of God. Some among us welcomed new life—celebrating births, new beginnings, and the gift of family growing in unexpected ways. Others walked through seasons of loss, saying goodbye to loved ones and learning again what it means to grieve while holding on to hope.

For some, this year brought seasons of provision, progress, and financial stability; for others, it carried material challenges, economic pressure, and the humbling lessons that come when resources feel stretched and outcomes uncertain. We rejoiced with those who experienced healing and restoration, and we stood in prayer with those who discovered new illnesses or continue to walk through ongoing health concerns. Through every high and every low, the Lord remained faithful—present in our rejoicing and near in our pain.

This is why **inexpressible praise** is the right posture for ending the year. Our gratitude is not rooted in perfect circumstances, but in the steadfast love of a faithful God. Thanksgiving flows not from ease, but from trust—trust in the God whose love endures forever.

True gratitude does not remain silent or private. It moves us toward joyful obedience and faithful living. When thanksgiving fills the heart, worship deepens, witness becomes natural, and hope is renewed for what God will yet do.

As we close this year, we invite you to end it the same way: Give thanks daily for the Lord’s goodness. Rejoice in Him, even as seasons change. Trust Him as your Refuge and Strength. Offer Him praise not only with words, but with lives that honor His name.

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And as we stand at the threshold of a new year, we do so with **faith and readiness**, confident that the God who led us through 2025 will guide us in the days ahead. God is not finished with us. There will be more to share in the coming weeks as we continue to discern and follow where the Lord is leading—preparing our hearts, strengthening our walk with Christ, and readying ourselves for the work He is calling us to do together. The same God who was faithful in 2025 will be faithful in the year to come.

As the year ends, may our hearts echo the words of Scripture: *“You are my God, and I will give thanks to You... Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”*

From **Linda and me**, and from our church leadership team to you and your family, **we wish you a blessed and Christ-centered New Year.** May the truth of **Immanuel—God with us**—shape not only the season behind us, but every day of the year ahead. As we look forward to the worship services of **2026**, we encourage you to prayerfully invite your pre-believing family and friends to come and see what God is doing among us, as we continue to gather, worship Christ, and grow together as His people.

We look forward to worshipping with you in the year ahead, celebrating Christ together, and walking forward as a church under His gracious and faithful presence.✱

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