A Joyful Psalm of Exuberant Praise (Psalm 98)

- This is one of the most joyful psalms in the Psalter – exuberant praise
- Similar to Ps 96 they both begin and end in praise- Ps 98 is only praise
- Stanza 1: directed to Israel; Stanza 2: to the world; Stanza 3: creation
- Many well-known hymns based on Ps 98: Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World"

I. God, the Savior (vvs1-3)

- We have no way of knowing of what deliverance the psalmist speaks
- More important to think of deliverance provided for us in Jesus Christ

1) *Deliverance from Sin*: Rom 7:2,24, 25; 8:1-4
2) *Deliverance from death:* 1 Cor 15:54;1sa 25:28; 2 Cor 5:8
3) *Deliverance from Satan*: Gen 3:15; James 4:2; Rev 15:2

- Ps 98:1-3 has many similarities with Mary's Magnificat (Lk 1:45-46)

II. God, the King (vv.4-6)

- Vs 4-6 broadens the call of worship from Israel now to the whole world
- Desire of the psalmist – is the joyful, exuberant praise offered to God

III. God, the Judge (vs.7-11)

- In the final stanza, the psalmist calls on all of creation to praise God
- 1st stanza: call to Israel; 2nd stanza: the nations: 3rd stanza: all of creation
- Ps 98 calls creation to praise because of the coming judgment (9)
- It looks forward to full liberation of creation in Christ (Rom 8:19-21)
  1) God created this world, it belongs to Him
  2) The world is not what it was created to be
  3) The world will one day be renewed