

A Song for Thanksgiving

Psalm 138

Setting the Stage (v 1)

Action = give thanks

Object of Thanksgiving = *You* (God)

Nature of Thanksgiving = *with all my heart*

Audience = *before the gods*

Lovingkindness and truth (v 2)

Loyal love and what conforms to reality

Thank G for His loyal love, grounded in truth.

Answered prayer (v 3)

God hears

We call = announce; call out with a loud voice

Let's ask God to **burden** our hearts so we call out boldly.

Let's quickly thank Him for hearing.

God's Glorious ways and works (v 4-5)

What we determine to be **great** says a lot about us.

God's word and ways should arrest our **attention**.

What are the glorious ways God has worked in and around you?

God champions the lowly (v 6)

Though God is the exalted One, He does not cast aside those who do not attain to equal status.

Thank God that you are not **beneath** His attention and care!

God revives & saves us (v 7)

trouble = something that causes **distress** or pain

revive and rescue

God says, in effect, don't **despair**!

Thank God that He will revive and rescue you!

God finishes what He starts (v 8)

Fulfilling His purpose for you

How does that spur your thanksgiving?

Take it Home