



Psalms for Life

Sermon: Give Thanks Because Your LOVE Endures Forever

Scripture:

Psalm 138

A psalm of David.

- 1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods.
- 2 I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.
I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;
for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.
- 3 As soon as I pray, you answer me;
you encourage me by giving me strength.
- 4 Every king in all the earth will thank you, Lord,
for all of them will hear your words.
- 5 Yes, they will sing about the Lord's ways,
for the glory of the Lord is very great.
- 6 Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble,
but he keeps his distance from the proud.
- 7 Though I am surrounded by troubles,
you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.
You reach out your hand,
and the power of your right hand saves me.
- 8 The Lord will work out his plans for my life—
for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.
Don't abandon me, for you made me.

I. I Daily LIVE with Extremes.

II. I am COMMANDED to Express Exuberant Praise to God for His Love.
(vv. 1-3)

III. I SERVE a God is so FAR Removed from us AND Yet is Very Near Us
(vv. 4-6)

IV. You, God, ARE with Me! (vv. 7&8)

Life Application Questions

1. Meditating on the ways God has been showing His steadfast love to you will result in thanksgiving. Take a few minutes to think through and list the ways God has shown and is showing His unfailing love and faithfulness. Express your gratitude to God for His love. Ingratitude may indicate a corrosive condition in your heart and soul (See 2 Tim. 3:2. and Rom. 1:2 for a list of characteristics that commonly accompany an ungrateful person.)
2. This week remember, expressing gratitude - giving thanks - is soothing for the heart, soul, and mind. Giving thanks infuses health and strength, and boldness. Read Philippians 4:6&7.
3. We who trust in Jesus Christ, no matter the circumstance we find ourselves in, can count on the steadfast love and faithfulness of God through Christ. He is full of grace (kindness, goodness, love) and truth (faithfulness to His Word). Meditate on John 1:14-18.
4. When our hearts are breaking over the actions and words of arrogant people who use their power (intellectual, political, financial, physical) to mistreat those weaker than they, we can rally ourselves with this assurance: Yahweh regards (takes notice of, cares for) the lowly (weak ones whose hearts trust Him) and rejects the proud (see Prov. 3:34; James 4:6-7). His timing and His manner to “regard” or “reject” may not follow our sense of “right” but He knows and does what is best.