



# TALKING WITH GOD

USING THE PSALMS FOR PRAYER

# Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word

# Psalm 138

On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.

# Psalm 138

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my  
enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

# Psalm 138

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

# Recipe for thanksgiving in talking to God vv.1-2

- Focus on God as He is – not according to my desires
- Worship with heart, body and mind – entire body
- Rejection of manmade gods – God stands alone
- Worship God on His terms – Jesus Christ
- Exalt the relationship – love and faithfulness
- Importance of God's Word – “above your name”



# Thanksgiving when I experience difficulties

vv.3,7

- “on the day I called” – you answered me
- “Though I walk in the midst of trouble” – you preserve my life
- Prayer: Thank God for reaching out to me in revealing Himself to me in my dark times.



Thanksgiving in seeing that which is not presently seen vv.4-6

- What temple in verse 2? David wrote this song
- Kings will give thanks – “all” will do so
- They will sing of the ways of the Lord – what is this?
- When will this happen? Millennial Reign of Christ
- What words from God will give them cause for thanks?





# Thanksgiving for God's purpose to be accomplished in my life v.8

- God's purpose for me fulfilled – what is it?
- His steadfast love to be revealed in and through me!
- Does my heart resonate with thanksgiving?



*Enjoy the picnic today and may the Lord  
richly bless you!*