

Psalm 138

**"International Gratitude To Yahweh for His Ways
and His Words"**

(A Psalm of David.)

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A1 THE PSALMIST'S PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING 138:1-3

B1 His Resolve of Thanksgiving: *{1}* I will give You thanks with all my heart;

B2 His Praise of Yahweh in Opposition to False Gods: I will sing praises to You before the gods.

B3 His Prostration before Yahweh: *{2}* I will bow down toward Your holy temple

B4 His Thanks to Yahweh's Name Representing His Ways

C1 His Name: And give thanks to Your name

C2 His Ways

D1 for Your lovingkindness

D2 and Your truth;

B5 Yahweh's Honoring of His Word Consistent with His Name: For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

B6 The Reason for the Psalmist's Thanks 138:3

C1 Yahweh's Prompt Response to His Plea for Help: *{3}* On the day I called, You answered me;

C2 Yahweh's Granting of Boldness: You made me bold with strength in my soul.

A2 THE MUSICAL GRATITUDE OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH 138:4-5

B1 The Thanks of the Kings for Yahweh's Words 138:4

- C1 The Act of Thanksgiving: {4} All the kings of the earth ¹ will give thanks to You, O LORD,
- C2 The Prompting of Thanksgiving: When they have heard the words of Your mouth.

B2 The Musical Worship of the Kings Concerning Yahweh's Ways 138:5

- C1 Their Song about Yahweh: {5} And they will sing of the ways of the LORD,
- C2 The Prompting of Worship: For great is the glory of the LORD.

A3 THE PSALMIST'S CONFIDENT CONTEMPLATION OF YAHWEH'S WAYS: HIS CARE FOR THE LOWLY AND OPPOSITION TOWARD HAUGHTY ENEMIES 138:6-8

B1 Yahweh's Preferential Treatment of the Lowly 138:6

- C1 Yahweh's Lofty Status: {6} For though the LORD is exalted,
- C2 His Perception of the Lowly: Yet He regards the lowly,
- C3 His Distance from the Haughty: But the haughty He knows from afar.

B2 The Psalmist's Assurance of Yahweh's Personal Support 138:7

- C1 His Contemplation of Trouble: {7} Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
- C2 Yahweh's Sustenance: You will revive me;
- C3 Yahweh's Opposition to His Enemies: You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
- C4 Yahweh's Salvation: And Your right hand will save me.

¹ 138:4 - all the kings of the earth: One day all the kings of the earth will publicly sing praises to Yahweh! This will happen during the Millennial reign of Christ initially, (Zech. 14:9; Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14) and then throughout eternity in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:24).

B3 The Psalmist's Confidence and Request 138:8

C1 His Confidence in Yahweh

D1 In Yahweh's personal intervention on his behalf: {8} The LORD will accomplish what concerns me;

D2 In Yahweh's eternal loyal love: Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;

C2 His Plea for Continued Intervention: Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 138

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