

“WHOLEHEARTED GRATITUDE”

Psalm 138

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I. Wholehearted gratitude remembers who God is (vv. 1-2. 4-6)

“I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart.”

“before the gods I sing your praise” → “they shall sing the ways of the Lord”.

“I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks”

“your steadfast love and your faithfulness”

Genesis 1:1; 3:1

2 Corinthians 1:9-10

“Our prayers more nearly discover his goodness to us.”

-John Calvin

II. Wholehearted gratitude remembers what God has done (vv. 2-6).

“you have exalted above all things your name and your word/promise”

“I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased”

“though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly”

2 Samuel 7:9

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Philippians 2:9-11

James 4:10

“It is not always the situation which most needs to be changing; it is, as often as not, the man involved in it.”

-Derek Kidner

III. Wholehearted gratitude relies on God's promise (vv. 7-9).

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble"

"you preserve my life"

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

"your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever"

"Do not forsake the work of your hands."

Philippians 1:6

1 Peter 5:6-7

Revelation 21:24-26

"Our assurance rests in God's eternal love."

-James Boice