

GIVE THANKS WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

Psalm 138

I. WHAT EACH OF US MUST DO

A. "I will _____ You with my whole heart" 138:1a

- 1) Don't be confused: praise focuses on _____ God is; thanksgiving focuses on _____ He does for us
- 2) Many celebrate Thanksgiving without knowing who they are thanking! We must thank _____
- 3) We often thank with no heart; to thank God with our whole heart requires an _____ process

B. "Before the gods I will _____ praises to You" 138:1b

- 1) The parallel between the 2 lines teach that when we thank God with our whole heart we will _____
- 2) Often the best _____ to those who question our faith in God is to sing the praises of the true God

C. "I will _____ toward Your holy temple" 138:2a

Since the temple had not been built by the time David died, he may have meant the place in his own heart where he met with God: there he put God on the throne and _____ down in submission

II. WHY EACH OF US MUST DO IT

A. God Is Defined by _____ and Truth 138:2b

- 1) "Lovingkindness" = God's covenant love to His people, His unwavering _____ to His people
- 2) God has given His word and He puts keeping His word even above His name, his public _____
- 3) We ought to meditate on the _____ that God has made to us and kept and give Him thanks

B. God _____ My Prayers 138:3

- 1) David gave thanks for times when God did not deliver him but rather gave him _____ in his soul
- 2) Often, rather than work in our circumstances, as we ask, God works in our _____ to strengthen us

C. God Will Fulfill His _____ 138:4-5

- 1) Vv.4-5 will be fulfilled when _____ returns to earth to set up His throne and rule for 1000 years
- 2) In the midst of pandemic and political upheaval we have reason to give thanks: in the end we _____

D. God Condescends to the _____ 138:6

- 1) God's Standard Operating Procedure: "God resists the proud but gives grace to the _____"
- 2) Thank God that when we admit we are sinful, weak, helpless, He is not repelled, but _____

E. God Intervenes When We Are in _____ 138:7

- 1) "Though I walk in the midst of trouble" is a perfect description of our circumstances in _____
- 2) This verse pictures God reaching His strong _____ over the ramparts of heaven to rescue us

F. God Will _____ That Which Concerns Me 138:8a

- 1) Ps.18:30: "As for God, His way is perfect." This verse teaches that God's way with _____ is perfect
- 2) No matter how difficult, hurtful or negative the circumstance, God is at work in my life to _____ me
- 3) ESV: "The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me." Thank God because He will never _____ up on us

G. God Sustains His Lovingkindness _____ 138:8b

- 1) "Lovingkindness" in v.2 and "mercy" in v.8 are the same word in the original: God's _____ love
- 2) The reasons to praise God end in eternity: we must thank God because our eternal future is _____