

Psalms 138

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I Give You Thanks, O Lord

- 1** I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
- 2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- 3** In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

- 4** All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
- 5** Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6** Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

- 7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
- 8** The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Confess — יְדָה (Yadah)

To confess, praise, give thanks

The Hebrew **yadah** (יְדָה) means to confess or give thanks—acknowledging truth openly. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy' (Proverbs 28:13).

Glory — כָּבֵד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כָּבֵד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Mercy — רָחָם (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רָחָם) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Truth — תְּהֻתָּה (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (תְּהֻתָּה) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

Wrath — נַפְשָׁה (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (נַפְשָׁה) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 138:1 **Resurrection:** Psalms 9:1; 96:4; 111:1. **References God:** Psalms 82:1; 82:6; 95:3. **Sin:** 1 Corinthians 14:15. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:46

Psalms 138:2

Word: Psalms 56:4; 56:10; Isaiah 42:21; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; John 1:17. **Holy:** Psalms 5:7; 28:2; 99:5. **Resurrection:** Isaiah 63:7

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Parallel theme: Psalms 18:6; 27:14; 29:11; Isaiah 12:2; 41:10; Zechariah 10:12; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11; 1 Peter 5:10

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Kingdom: Psalms 72:11; 102:15; 102:22; Isaiah 49:23; 60:16; Revelation 11:15; 21:24. **Worship:** Psalms 22:27. **Resurrection:** Psalms 22:22

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Glory: Psalms 21:5; Exodus 15:11; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:12; Revelation 4:11; 7:12; 19:1. **Sin:** Malachi 1:11. **Parallel theme:** John 17:1

Psalms 138:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 51:17; Proverbs 3:34; Isaiah 57:15; Daniel 4:37; Luke 1:48; 14:11; 18:14; James 4:6. **References Lord:** Isaiah 66:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:9

Psalms 138:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 56:9; 85:6; Job 13:15; Isaiah 5:25; 10:4; 41:10; Jeremiah 51:25; Acts 2:33. **Salvation:** Psalms 17:7; 60:5

Psalms 138:8 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 57:2; Isaiah 42:16; 43:21; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 1 Peter 4:19. **References Lord:** Isaiah 26:12. **Grace:** Psalms 100:5; 103:17; 136:1
