Psalm 138

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

(A Psalm of David.)


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.

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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.

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