



Thank You, Lord

Psalm 138

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- This psalm of thanksgiving begins a group of eight psalms of David, his last in the Psalter.
- Altogether David wrote nearly half the psalms.

A Thank Offering – Jeremiah 33:10-11

10 “Thus says the Lord, ‘Yet again there will be heard in this place...**11** the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, “Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, For the Lord is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting”; and of those who bring **a thank offering** into the house of the Lord. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were at first,’ says the Lord.

Psalm 138:1

I will give You thanks with
all my heart; I will sing
praises to You before the
gods.

1. Thankful for a New Heart

- In all acts of worship, in praise particularly, the heart is called for.
- Reluctance to praise the Lord shows a selfishness that has no place in the life of the believer.

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A New Heart Causes Worship

- Nothing can release us from the obligation to utter the praises of God.
- And no Christ follower worth his salt wishes it otherwise.

A New Heart Fosters Boldness

- Whoever would worship God must be prepared to resist fear – the fear of man, the dread of reproach, and the vain show of false worship.
- He must be afraid of nothing so much as of offending God.

Psalm 138:2

I will bow down toward
Your holy temple And give
thanks to Your name for Your
lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your
word according to all Your
name.

A New Heart Lifts the Name of Jesus

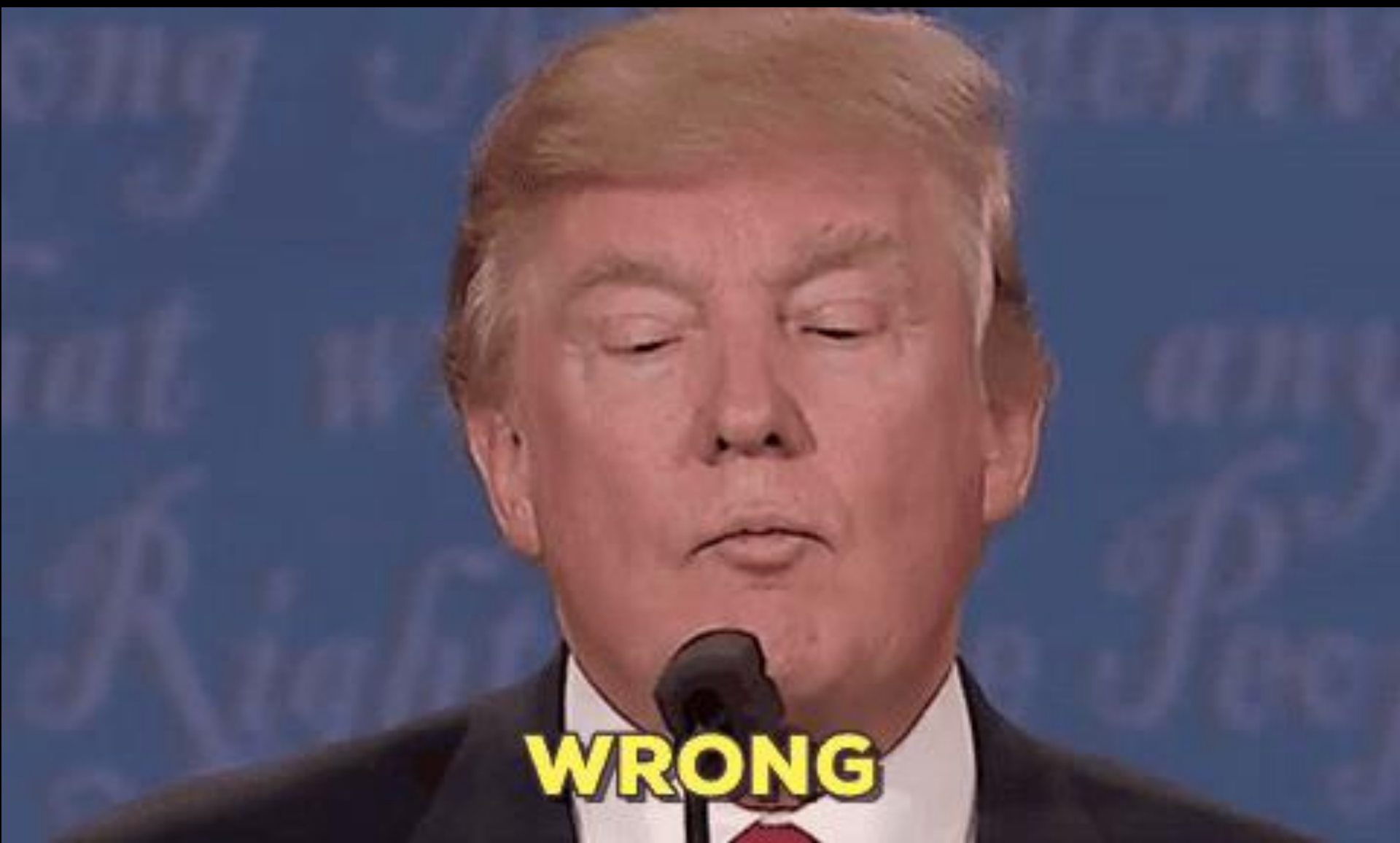
- Public worship is no less a duty than private worship.
- God openly bestows his favors; our acknowledgements ought to be before heaven and earth.



Faith is a private matter, usually
held deep within a person, quiet,
impossible to recognise or
understand, if you have no faith
yourself

— *Jennifer Worth* —

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Matthew 10:32-33

32 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



**“A PRIVATE FAITH
THAT DOES NOT
ACT IN THE FACE
OF OPPRESSION
IS NO FAITH AT
ALL.”**

-William Wilberforce



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What's in a name?



"What's in a name?

That which we
call a rose

By any other name
would smell as sweet."



2. Thankful for His Name

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What is David Saying in v. 2?

- Give Thanks to Your name:
For your lovingkindness and Your truth
- According to all Your name:
You have magnified Your word

Philippians 2:9-11

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 138:3

On the day I called,
You answered me; You
made me bold with
strength in my soul.

3. Thankful for Prayer

- Prayer is a mighty power in the world; it has been so from the beginning.
- Even when the thing asked for is not obtained, the Lord bestows something better.

Matthew Henry

“Those that
trade with
heaven by
prayer grow
rich by quick
returns.”



The God Who Hears

- The God to whom David had prayed is the Sovereign Lord (He is high and mighty), to whom all the Gentiles will one day come in worship (all the kings of the earth shall give you thanks!)
- **And yet...**

He listens to me!

Psalm 138:4

All the kings of the earth
will give thanks to You, O
Lord, When they have heard
the words of Your mouth.

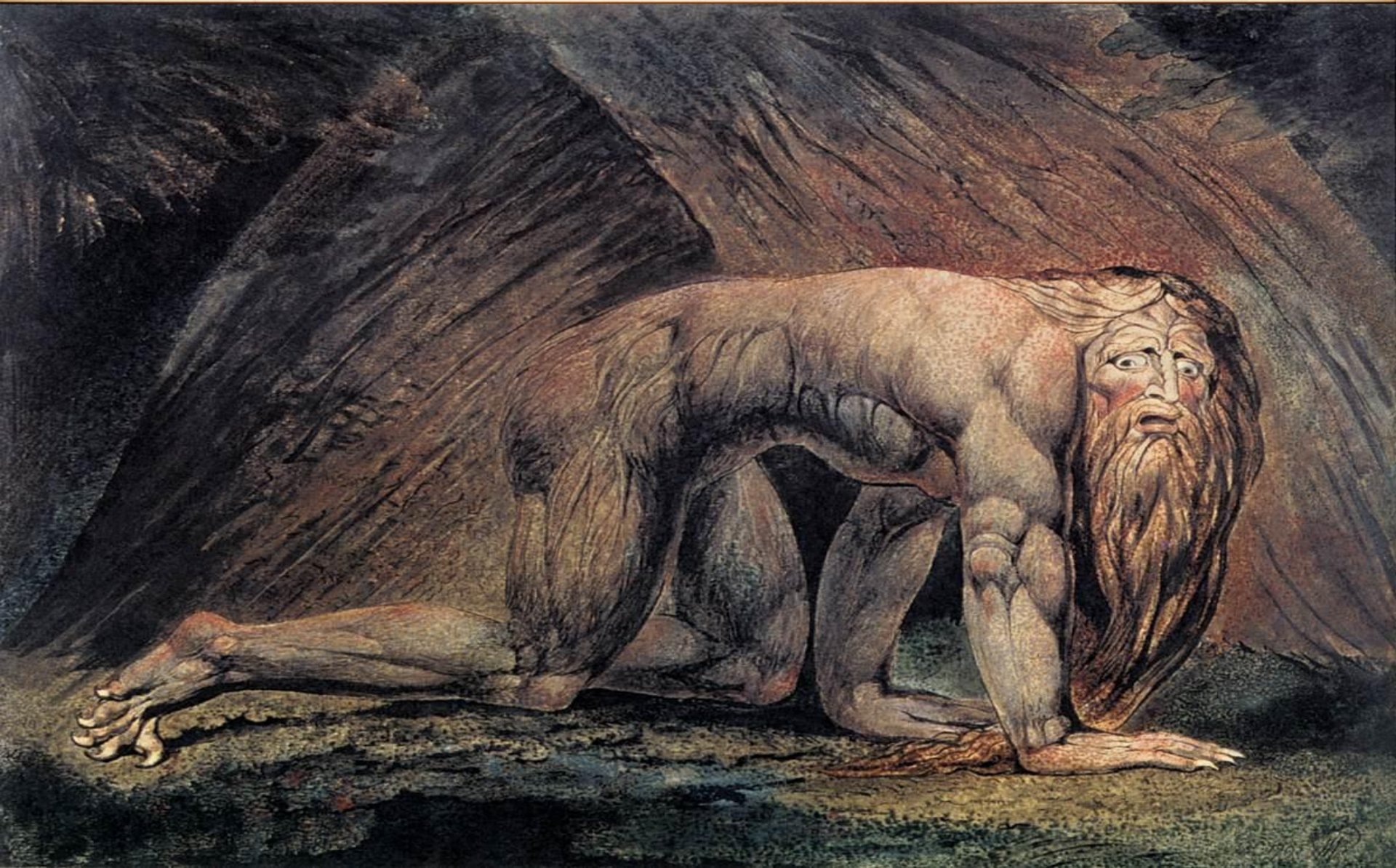
Psalm 138:5

And they will sing of the
ways of the Lord,
For great is the glory of
the Lord.

Turn to 1 Kings 10:1-10



Look at Daniel 4:34-37



Psalm 138:6

For though the Lord is
exalted, Yet He
regards the lowly, But
the haughty He knows from
afar.

The Amazing Goodness of God

- The condescension of God is unspeakably wonderful.
- **Romans 5:8** –
“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Psalm 8:3-5

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; **4** What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? **5** Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

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4. Thankful That He Kills My Pride

- Nothing is a greater offense to God than pride.
- He has set His face against it.
- He will not endure it in man (or angel for that matter!).

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but
Christ lives in me; and the life
which I now live in the flesh I live
by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave Himself up for
me.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“...the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”

Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

5. Thankful He Is With Me In My Suffering

- The Lord is more abundantly and graciously merciful with His people in the midst of suffering than in any other time.

Where Do You Get Strength?

- It matters little how sharp our trials, if our fortitude and courage are founded in our own might.
- Strength in the Lord is the best strength in the world.





Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger, Let it be so with us. Let us not be weaklings, yielding to every wind that blows, but strong in spirit to resist.

— *Amy Carmichael* —

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Psalm 138:8

The Lord will accomplish
what concerns me; Your
lovingkindness, O Lord, is
everlasting; Do not forsake the
works of Your hands.

6. Thankful That It Is Finished

- The Lord is great because He judges justly, and confidence in this truth gave David assurance that God would assist him when he was in trouble.
- He believed God would fulfill His purpose for his servant because He is loyal to those He loves.

Don't Hear What He's Not Saying

- Scripture explicitly promises the final victory of all believers.
- Notice that he did not say He promises we won't experience defeat in this life.

Philippians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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The God We Serve

- We do not serve a flip-flopping, wishy-washy, double-minded God!
- “The Almighty is too great and glorious in all his perfections to make a creature or begin a work, and then change his counsel and review his own wisdom.”

As David Fled from Saul

- He wrote in Psalm 57:2 –
“I will cry to God Most
High, To God who
accomplishes all things for
me.”

David Knows

That he has been called to
serve the Lord.

And if you have faith in
Christ this morning, you can
know that same truth!



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3. Thankful for Prayer
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