

Hymn of a Grateful Heart

Intro: Psalm 138 answers the cry for relief of Psalm 137 by showing the reader (us) what believers can always be thankful for.

1 – The Worship of a Grateful Heart (v1-3)

Qualities of the worship that flows from a grateful heart

- Wholehearted (cf. Ps. 103; Rom. 12:1-2)
- Courageous (cf. Ps. 119:46)
- Humble (cf. Ps. 5:7; Dan. 6:10)
- God-centered (cf. Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 8:9)
- Personal (cf. Ps. 18:6; Isa. 65:24)

2 – The Foresight of a Grateful Heart (v4-6)

- All the kings of the earth (cf. Psalm 2; Rev. 21:23)
- The “ways” of the Lord (cf. Psalm 1:6)
- It is the glory of God to oppose the proud but give grace to the humble (cf. 1 Pet. 5:5; James 4:6)

3 – The Assurance of a Grateful Heart (v7-8)

- God’s protection (cf. Ps. 23:4)
- God’s deliverance (cf. Ps. 17, 20, 89, 110)
- God’s promise (cf. 2 Sam 7; Ps. 89:49; Eph. 1; Phil 1:6)

Concluding reflections

Discussion Questions

1. How difficult is it for you to be thankful this Thanksgiving?
2. Recall times when you called to the Lord and he strengthened you.
3. Which of the qualities of David’s worship encourage you and challenge you?
4. How does it impact you to know that if you are a Christian your life is secure in the plan of God and he will fulfill his purpose for you? How do you want to react?