

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 138
The Psalm of a Thankful Worshiper

One of eight final Psalms of David
Follows Psalm 137 (dark, despair, no song)

I. **A Worshipers Praise.** 138:1-3

A. Praise God with **INTENSITY.** 138:1

1. David worshiped **without reservation.** “all my heart”
2. David worshiped **without intimidation.** “Before the gods” (possibly a reference to leaders, kings).

*Illus - HS students **praying for their lunch***

B. Praise God with **REFLECTION.** 138:2

David’s worship was *theological **and** emotional*

1. Two **attributes** of God: *Love and faithfulness*
2. Two **actions** of God. God **reveals** himself
 - a. His exalted NAME (Jesus, the LIVING LOGOS - Revelation 19:13 "*He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.*")
 - b. His infallible WORD (the BIBLE, the WRITTEN LOGOS - 1 Peter 1:23 "*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*")

C. Praise God with a **TESTIMONY.** 138:3

II. **A Worshiper’s Prayer.** 138:4-5

- A. The world of **KINGS** was David’s world
- B. He prayed that they would experience what he experienced
- C. He desired God’s glory for their lives
- D. Worship makes us **MISSIONARY MINDED**

III. **A Worshiper’s Perspective.** 138:6-8

- A. My Worship is because of God’s **GRACE**, not my goodness. 138:6
- B. My Trials do not interfere with God’s **PLAN.** 138:7
- C. He will not abandon me.
 1. God has a purpose for my life
 2. His purpose flows from his love.