

Thankfulness is a Choice
Psalms 138:1-5



Thanksgiving

Give Thanks With My Whole Heart

◆ **Psalm 138:1** - I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart before the gods I sing your praise;

Be Thankful



Search Me O God and Know My Heart

◆ Psalm 139:23-24:

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Every Day is a Choice – What is Your Decision?



**“This is the day which the LORD
hath made; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.”**

Psalms 118:24 (KJV)

God is a Jealous God

- ◆ **Deuteronomy 4:24** - ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- ◆ **Matthew 22:36-38** - ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.

Before the gods I Will Sing Your Praise

- ◇ **1 Peter 1:14-16** - ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.
- ◇ **Romans 1:16** - 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.
- ◇ **Matthew 5:14-16** - ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

I Bow Down and Give Thanks

◆ **Psalm 138:2** - ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

◆ Lamentations 3:22-24:

- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

On the Day I Called You

◆ **Psalm 138:3** - ³ On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

The Lord is My Strength and Shield

- ◆ **Psalm 28:7** - ⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- ◆ **Psalm 118:5** - ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

All Kings of the Earth Give You Thanks

◆ Psalm 138:4-5:

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

God Establishes Kings and Governments

- ◆ **Daniel 2:21** - ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings...
- ◆ **Romans 13:1** - Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Will America Seek God?

- ◆ **2 Chronicles 7:14** - ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Thank God!

In the moments of turmoil,
in the hours of trial,
in the midst of any circumstances,
you can thank **God**.

Thank **Him** for **His Son**.
Thank **Him** for **His forgiveness**.
Thank **Him** for overlooking your weakness.
Thank **Him** for the promise of eternal life.

Thank **God** for the opportunity
to be a blessing to others,
to be a friend to the friendless,
to encourage those who have lost hope, and
to cheer up those who are downcast!

You can make a difference.

You can be on the Lord's side.

You can be a blessing to someone!

Be Thankful for That!