

11-19-2025 Bible Study

Title: Answered Prayer

Scripture: KJV Psalm 138

Song: *Have you any rivers that seem uncrossable? And have you any mountain that you cannot tunnel through? **God specializes in things thought impossible.** And He will do what no other power, Holy Ghost power can do.*

KJV Psalm 138

1 I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

David vows to praise thee: none other than God Jehovah, with His whole heart. Even though He does not mention God's name here, the language of this praise is so personal, perfect, complete and so resolute. David's mind is set on One. There is no other God. Jehovah is so perfectly realized and so intimately known, the Psalmist chooses not to hold back his praise by bowing his heart in absolute submission to the only wise God and Creator of the universe. It is He who rules, superrules and overrules. He is The One True living God who will judge the earth. It is Him who David will sing praises to.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy name.

The Person of Jesus is the Temple of the Godhead and therein we behold the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. David may not have been able to go to the temple so he worshipped towards the temple and praised the name of God.

Proverbs 18:10 God's name alone "is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." His name is secure, fortified and a strong fortress. Magnified: You have exalted above all things your Name and Your Word. David wanted Jehovah to have total praise and glory.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul.

David thanks God for answering prayer: On the day I called, You answered me and You made me bold with strength in my soul. You increased the strength of my heart.

Psalm 61:2 "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Prayer is necessary and always in order. God is always available.

Isaiah 40:29 "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." **31** But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 65:24 NIV "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

Song: Rev. Jasper Williams and Dottie Peoples, "I'll Journey On" You gave me the strength to make it through another day, for the strength I had from yesterday is all gone. When the pressures of yesterday took all of my strength away, You renewed my strength and now I can journey on.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of Thy mouth.

Here David looks ahead into the future and desires all the kings of the earth to thank God and sing of His glory: *when* they hear the words of thy mouth. Answered prayer gives witness to the goodness of God.

Isaiah 40:5 "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Philippians 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; **And** that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Song: Give glory to God saints! Give glory to God...He's Worthy

6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off.

NLT Though the Lord is great, He cares for the humble, but He keeps His distance from the proud.

The only way to experience the outpouring of God's grace is to walk in humility. **James 4:6** "But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." The prideful have worldly attachments. According to **Exodus 34:14** we serve a jealous God. Remember Satan exalted himself above God (**Isaiah 14:12-14**). God opposes the proud, those who live independently of God.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Even though David was surrounded by trouble, he knew God would sustain him in his hour of need.

Hebrews 13:6 "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

His troubles did not hinder his witness nor his walk because God revived him, protected him, and perfected His plan through David. If anything, David's issues helped him to pray and praise God more.

2 Corinthians 4:17 "For our light afflictions, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,"

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.
God will never quit on you. He cannot faint, grow weary nor lie.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.