

Individual Thanksgiving

Psalms of David · Book V

"By David."

IN ONE SENTENCE



thank the LORD with my whole heart, for he answers, stoops to the lowly, and will complete his work.

Remember it: One thirty-eight: whole-hearted thanks, for the LORD will finish what he started.

MEMORY VERSE

Yahweh will fulfill that which concerns me.
Your loving kindness, Yahweh, endures
forever. Don't forsake the works of your
own hands.

Psalm 138:8 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

לִּפְדּוֹת

"your steadfast love" · verse 2

In the Psalms: 129 times, in 54 psalms

לִּפְדּוֹת means "your steadfast love," the LORD's loyal covenant kindness. Verse 2 pairs it with his truth, and verse 8 says it endures forever. Because his love does not quit, David can pray that the LORD will not abandon the work of his own hands.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3 Whole-hearted thanks because the LORD answered and gave strength
- 4-6 The kings of the earth will praise the high LORD
- 7-8 In trouble, the LORD will revive and finish his work

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 138 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/138.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Refuge in Trouble

God Will Not Abandon You

FILL IN THE BLANKS

I thank the LORD with my _____ heart, for he answers, stoops to the
_____, and will _____ his work.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What happened in the day the psalmist called?

☐ (A) The LORD answered him

☐ (B) He was ignored

☐ (C) The temple was rebuilt

☐ (D) His enemies fled

2. Though the LORD is high, he looks after...

☐ (A) the kings

☐ (B) the lowly

☐ (C) the priests

☐ (D) the proud

3. What does the psalmist ask at the end?

☐ (A) To be made king

☐ (B) Send rain on the land

☐ (C) Don't forsake the works of your own hands

☐ (D) Destroy the nations

TALK IT OVER

1. What reasons does David give for thanking the LORD?

2. What does verse 6 tell us about how the LORD treats the lowly and the proud?

3. What unfinished work in your life do you trust the LORD to complete?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 138 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 8 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: whole · lowly · complete · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 3) · 2. B (v. 6) · 3. C (v. 8)