



Gratitude

- » Give thanks - 3x (v1,2,4 'praise')
- » "Whole heart" - all of one's life
- » The importance of gratitude

Sing Your Praise (v1)

- » Music as intensive speech
- » Making melody to God
- » "God is inviting us to enjoy Him" (C.S. Lewis)
- » Rejoice in the person and nature of God

The Specifics of Praise

- a. The qualities of God's name (healer, provider, protector, shepherd) - v2
- b. Praising for his 'steadfast love' (hesed - grace)

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- c. God's faithfulness (emet) - promisekeeper (Exodus 34:6)
- d. Salvation - 'I called, you answered' (v3) - a focus on God meeting my needs

As a Result

- » I offer my testimony of praise (v2)
- » I offer my devotion to God
- » The Lord is constant in his love & goodness therefore I give him my praise

Majesty & Grace

Psalm 138:4-6

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Psalm 138:4-6

All the Nations (v4-5)

- » God is worthy of praise from all nations not only Israel
- » Now and in the future Messianic age
- » Amidst a world of polytheism (v1) God is the one true God

God's fidelity to the Poor (v6)

- » The Lord is high but he regards the lowly
- » The proud of heart are distant from God
- » The extraordinary message of God's value of the poor

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;...

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; Luke 1:46-48,52



