

The Lord Will Fulfill His Purpose

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Psalm 138:1-8 ESV Of David.

1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

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.

Psalm 138:2 KJV

"...for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

Psalm 138:2 NASB

"For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name."

Psalm 138:2 CSB

"You have exalted your name and your promise above everything else."

Psalm 138:2 NLT

"...for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name."

- *ALL THINGS which occur in your life are subject to and controlled by God's name and God's Word.*
- *Nothing will happen to you that will thwart His will or alter His plan for your life.*

Psalm 37:5-6 ESV

5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Psalm 37:18-19 ESV

18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;

19 they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.

Psalm 37:23-25 NASB

23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

24 When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand.

25 I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants begging bread.

Romans 8:28-31 ESV

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:35 ESV

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Romans 8:37-39 ESV

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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3 On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

- *In times of difficulty and adversity, the problem is not the problem, the problem is our soul's response.*
- *In times of difficulty and adversity, our soul (our emotions and thoughts) can be our worst enemy.*
- *In times of difficulty and adversity, our soul (our emotions and thoughts) is Satan's target.*
- *In times of difficulty and adversity, our soul (our emotions and thoughts) is where our faith faints first.*
- *In times of difficulty and adversity, Satan doesn't need to defeat us if our soul fails first.*
- *Biblical soul-care is extremely important, lest the strength of our soul fails in the battle.*

1 Peter 5:6-9 ESV

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,

- *the trial, difficulty, or adversity you are in now is NOT forever - in proper time He will exalt you*

7 casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

- *there is NEVER any justification for worry or fear*

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- *understand, very clearly, that your anxieties and fear are tools and strategies of Satan*

9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

- *you must resist the temptation of worry, fear and doubt in your God - this is where Satan wins*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ESV

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Psalm 42:5-6 ESV

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

6 and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you FROM the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Psalm 18:6-7 ESV

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

7 Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

Psalm 34:4-7 NASB

4 I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

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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.

6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

- *The Lord is near - the Lord abides with - those who need Him.*
- *The haughty, the proud, the strong, the self-sufficient, do not need God (so they think), therefore He is not near to them.*
- *The Lord regards the lowly - those who know how desperately they need Him, those who do not have position, status, resources, knowledge or abilities to trust in.*

James 4:6 ESV

6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 6:16-17 ESV

16 There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes...

Matthew 5:3 ESV

5 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Revelation 3:17-19 ESV

17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

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7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Philippians 1:6 ESV

6 And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.