

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

Eleutheros Books is dedicated to offering literature and course offerings that will help believers to think Biblically.

Feel free to check out the following:

[*The Ramifications of Our Salvation*](#) explains what happens Biblically when a believer is saved by God's grace.

[*Bible Translations: A Closer Look*](#) explains the challenges translators face and gives reasons why the wording in some versions is so much different from that of other versions.

[*Spiritual Gifts Verse by Verse: A Commentary on I Corinthians 12-14*](#) deals with every phrase in these three chapters which are key to understanding the blessings and challenges of the gifts God gives to every believer.

[*A Portrait of Jesus*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

[*19th Century Influences on 21st Century Christianity*](#) gives insights into many factors from the past that are still influencing the Church today.

All these books can be purchased by going to the website: www.eleutherosbooks.com

Very soon the first of several courses will be available through Eleutheros Books. Entitled Soteriology, it will involve 30 audio/visual lectures, tests, quizzes, and Bible memory assignments.

God willing, other future courses will be made available: I and II Corinthians, Life of Christ, and Elementary New Testament Greek.

Thoughts from the Psalms

[Psalm 138](#) deals with the subject of worship.

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

David is so grateful to God for His abundant lovingkindness (see verse 2—*I will...praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness*) that such a reaction will flow from his *whole heart*. It is when God's people

realize His amazing nature (Who He is) and wonderful works (what He has done and promises to do in the future) that praise is genuine.

David also is unashamed to say he will praise his God *before the gods* (the man-made gods which are not worthy of praise for they are not God!).

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.

Notice the use of *Thy* and *Thou* in this verse (*Thy holy temple; Thy name; Thy lovingkindness; Thou has magnified; Thy Word*). All praise belongs to God! The Apostle Paul understood that all believers should do all things for the glory of God: *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God* ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#)).

David especially thanks God for the truth that is revealed through His Word: *for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name* (see [John 17:17](#)).

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

No doubt David recalled the times when God delivered him from many trials and dangers: battles with the Philistines, opposition from Saul, treachery from his son Absalom, issues with his own people. God answered his prayers!

Notice the phrase *strengthenedst me with strength in my soul*. This is a cognate accusative grammatical expression which might well be translated “Thou didst *surely* strengthen my soul.” David understood that the strength he gained came from God and God alone!

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

Perhaps David received the same revelation that God gave to Paul: *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee shall 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* ([Philippians 2:9-11](#)).

One day every creature God has created will ascribe all glory to Him!

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

God’s creation reveals His glory (*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork*); and His ways are not our ways, but they are always right ([Revelation 15:3](#)).

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

How amazing is the fact that the very God of the universe, as powerful and holy as He is, cares especially for humble people whom the world generally disregards! Jesus expressed similar thoughts in His sermon on the mount: *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth* ([Matthew 5:3-5](#)).

In contrast, *the proud He knoweth afar off* (see [Matthew 6:1-7](#)).

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.

David had great confidence that God would provide victory no matter what obstacles or enemies he would inevitably face!

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

David understood that God's nature does not change and that His love is eternal!

May believers today need to trust God in the same way, not becoming overwhelmed by difficult circumstances!

We will continue thoughts from the Psalms in next month's newsletter.