

# Psalm 138

## THE SUPREMACY OF GOD AND OUR PRIDE

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- 1) God provides all good things, we humble ourselves by giving thanks.
  - Our pride tempts us to take gifts from God for granted.
  
- 2) God's name and word are above all things, we humble ourselves by exalting His name and word.
  - Our pride tempts us to love the world and diminish His word.
  
- 3) God's puprose will be fulfilled, we humble ourselves by surrendering to Him.
  - Our pride tempts us to justify our unfaithful actions.

## Praying The Psalms

A *Psalter* contains the Psalms of the Bible along with notes and guides for using the Psalms in worship, song, prayer, and devotion. The Geneva Psalter is a 16th century work whose melodies are still used today. We have been blessed by this Psalter in our church when we have sung the Doxology, known as the old 100th.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.”

John Calvin offers humbling and inspiring words in the introduction to the Genevan Psalter:

“As for public prayers, there are two kinds. The ones with the word alone: the others with singing. And this is not something invented a little time ago. For from the first origin of the Church, this has been so, as appears from the histories. And even St. Paul speaks not only of praying by mouth: but also of singing. And in truth we know by experience that singing has great force and vigor to move and inflame the hearts of men to invoke and praise God with a more vehement and ardent zeal. Care must always be taken that the song be neither light nor frivolous; but that it have weight and majesty (as St. Augustine says), and also, there is a great difference between music which one makes to entertain men at table and in their houses, and the Psalms which are sung in the Church in the presence of God and his angels.”