

"THE MAGNIFIED WORD OF GOD"

PSALM 138:1-8

TEXT: VERSE 2B

INTRO: Down through the years, I have been blessed by hearing people speak about how much they love the **WORD OF GOD**. I could name many people, some in full-time vocational ministry and others who were servants in local churches who simply had a **DEEP LOVE FOR THE SCRIPTURES**, which love just seemed to radiate from their very souls. **HOW ABOUT YOU? DO YOU LOVE THE WORD OF GOD?** Those who **LOVE THE WORD OF GOD** also maintain a great **RESPECT FOR THE WORD OF GOD**, which is seen in how they approach it and apply it in their daily lives. **But one thing that we may not think of too often is HOW MUCH GOD LOVES AND VALUES HIS WORD!** The passage we are going to study today teaches us that God loves His Word so much that HE **MAGNIFIES IT ABOVE HIS NAME!** Note Psalm 138:2B says **"FOR THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE THY NAME."** Let's Observe.

NOTE: Psalm 138 is a PSALM OF DAVID that emphasizes the matter of **PRAISING GOD FOR HIS WORD, HIS WORK AND HIS GLORY.**

A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF THE TEXT:

- 1) Verse 1 speaks of Unrestricted and Unashamed Praise to God.
- 2) Verse 2 speaks of the Pure Worship of God for His Lovingkindness, Truth, and Word.
- 3) Verse 3 speaks of Acknowledging God for Answered Prayer and Strength.
- 4) Verses 4 and 5 speak of the Future Praise of Earthly Kings Toward God.
- 5) Verse 6 speaks of God's Attitude toward the Proud and the Humble.
- 6) Verse 7 speaks of God's Care and Provision of His own People.
- 7) Verse 8 speaks of God's Ultimate Perfection of His own People and His Works.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PSALM GENERATES GENUINE PRAISE TO GOD!

OBSERVATION: ONE OF THE GOLDEN NUGGETS OF THE PSALM IS THE REVELATION OF HOW GOD RESPECTS **HIS OWN WORD** AS SEEN IN VERSE 2B – **"THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE ALL THY NAME."**

THIS IS AN AMAZING TRUTH, WITH AN ETERNAL LESSON FOR US ALL TO LEARN!

- God's name speaks of all that He is – Psalm 48:10
- God highly values His Name – Psalm 113:3; Isaiah 57:15

BUT HE MAGNIFIES HIS WORD ABOVE HIS NAME

- The word "MAGNIFIED" means "To Honor, Lift Up, Promote, Advance."
- The word "ABOVE" means "Over or Based Upon."

IN GOD'S OWN THINKING HIS WORD IS BASED UPON AND LIFTED UP ABOVE HIS NAME!

- God wants HIS **WORD** to be Known.
- God wants HIS **WORD** to be Respected.
- God wants HIS **WORD** to be Valued.
- God wants HIS **WORD** to be Promoted.

I. THE REVELATION OF GOD'S MAGNIFIED WORD

A. The Word of God Spoken

1. As Revealed in Creation – Hebrews 11:3
2. As Revealed to His Prophets – Hebrews 1:1
3. As Revealed in Jesus Christ – Hebrews 1:2

B. The Word of God Conveyed

1. 2 Timothy 3:16,17
2. 2 Peter 1:19-21

C. The Word of God Preserved

1. Psalm 119:89
2. Matthew 5:18

II. THE RECEIVING OF GOD'S MAGNIFIED WORD

- A. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- B. James 1:21

III. THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S MAGNIFIED WORD

- A. Respond through Obedience to God's Word
- B. Respond through Submission to God's Word
- C. Respond through Internalizing God's Word
- D. Respond through Sharing God's Word

IV. THE RESPECTING OF GOD'S MAGNIFIED WORD

IF GOD HAS PERSONALLY MAGNIFIED HIS WORD ABOVE HIS NAME, THEN WE SHOULD PERSONALLY MAGNIFY HIS WORD IN OUR LIVES ALSO

- A. By Delighting In It – Psalm 119:47
- B. By Valuing It – Psalm 119:72
- C. By Desiring It – Psalm 119:82
- D. By Loving it – Psalm 119:140

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD'S MAGNIFIED WORD?

LESSON AND APPLICATION

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1) CONFESS your lack of respect of and time in the Word of God
- 2) DESIRE the Word of God Daily
- 3) DETERMINE to spend time in the Word of God Daily
- 4) PROTECT the time you spend in the Word of God Daily
- 5) PRACTICE the Word of God Daily
- 6) SHARE the Word of God Daily