



Sermon series: A Name Like No Other

To be used with Session 2: The Majesty of God's Name

Sermon Possibilities: Shoutout to God

Scripture: Psalm 138:1-8

Connection To Unit Theme: To compliment the Bible study “A Name Like No Other” this sermon teaches us that although many people and powers have claimed to be worthy of worship and majesty, nature, David takes this text God alone is deserving of that honor. And this is why He truly has a name like no other.

Introduction: There is a new thing on Facebook entitled, “Shoutout Your Pastor!” Its a graphic that people post in hopes of getting those on their friends’ list to comment below with the name of their respective pastors, along with the church that they attend. It’s a way of encouraging pastors to keep going, while letting others know that they are proud to have whoever it is as their pastor. As we read David’s words in Psalms 138, we see him giving God a shoutout. We see David expressing a level of pride and excitement that he gets to serve a God like ours, and he’s encouraging his audience to share in his excitement. As he gives God a shoutout, he encourages us to do the same.

1. The Lord is Worthy of Praise (Psalm 138:1-3).

In the opening of our text, David expresses a level of gratefulness to God that no other power is worthy to receive. He makes it clear that he is grateful for who God is and all that God has done. I’m reminded of what the songwriter said, “*can’t nobody, do me like Jesus! Can’t nobody, do me like the Lord! Can’t nobody, do me like Jesus! He’s my friend.*” In other words, no matter how good others may have been to me, none of them can even compare to the Lord. can do. He’s in in a league all by Himself and David is conveying this in Psalm 138. Notice how David words the opening portion of verse 3, “*on the day I called, you answered me...*” This was an intentional acknowledgment as David knew what it was like to call on someone for help and to be ignored. David was expressing that every time he called on the Lord, He answered him. This something that all of us can attest to, God hears us every time. His own way and time, God answers. The blessing is that we never have to worry about God not hearing us, because nobody can anything like Him!

2. The Lord Delivers (Psalm 138:4-5).

Verse 4 states, *“All the kings on earth will give you thanks, Lord, when they hear what you have promised.”* God is the only one who never breaks a promise. If He promised it, then that settles it. It will come to pass. He’s a promise keeper. Anybody can make a promise, but everyone can’t deliver. However, there is nothing that God promises that He can’t deliver. God owns it all and can therefore deliver it all. 2 Peter 3:9 states, *“The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay...”* David reminds us earlier in Psalm 24:1, *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”* In short, since God owns everything, He can truly deliver on every promise.

3. The Lord Sees and Saves (Psalm 138:6-8).

From the bulk of biblical testimony, it is readily apparent that God abhors arrogance, egotism, and haughty spirits. There is no shortage of examples expressing God’s disdain for such attitudes. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that David takes a moment to acknowledge this as he does in verse 6. This serves as a warning to those with arrogant attitudes that God will not bless that type of conduct. The main reason for God’s opposition to arrogance is that if we are full of ourselves or believe our own hype, then we cannot truly and fully reverence God. If we are being dominated by arrogance and pride, we are not serving the Lord. In verses 7-8, David follows the warning with a positive reassurance, reminding us of the benefits that come with serving God. Benefits such as protection from dangers seen and unseen, eternal salvation, preservation of our lives amid enemies, and countless other things that no one has the ability to offer us. While we should desire not to be arrogant off the basic fact that it’s a dangerous attitude to have and God tells us not to, David reminds us that God rewards godly behavior. In short, we’re not doing it for nothing. Even if it’s not immediate, there’s always a blessing in the obedience.

Conclusion: I mentioned at the beginning that many people online enjoy giving their pastor a shoutout. This is because they love their pastors, appreciate them, and want the rest of the world to know it. If we can honor and respect imperfect people who serve God, then surely we can serve and honor the perfect and all powerful God that they’re preaching about. God is truly perfect in every way, even if we can’t always understand Him. There are things that He can do for us that no one else would even attempt. For this reason, God will always be worthy of our devotion. God will always be worthy of our obedience. God will always be worthy of our praise, and in essence, God will always deserve a shoutout!