

## **THE BENEFITS OF ANSWERED PRAYER**

### **PSALM 138**

Introduction:

The Psalm celebrates a specific answer to prayer. David had so many such experiences that it is difficult to single out one. But the answered prayer had a profound impact on the life of David. In the Psalm he enumerates some of the benefits that came to his soul through the experience.

Has your soul been encouraged by such experiences?

Several come to my mind. The Wednesday night at Biltmore when two specific answers were shared, and the joy that followed will never be forgotten.

The time in Fort Worth when Aunt Bonnie and Grandfather Smith sent money in such a timely manner, after our prayers.

- I. ANSWERED PRAYER ENCOURAGES THE PRAISE OF THE LORD. (V. 1-2)
- II. ANSWERED PRAYER CONFIRMS THE WORD OF THE LORD. (V. 2-3)
- III. ANSWERED PRAYER FILLS THE SOUL WITH INNER STRENGTH. (V. 3)

- IV. ANSWERED PRAYER BUILDS EXPECTATION IN THE HEART. (V. 4-6)
- V. ANSWERED PRAYER BUILDS CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD. (V. 7-8)
- VI. ANSWERED PRAYER PROVOKES MORE PRAYER. (V. 8)