

Even With My Glory
Psalm 108:1
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The 108th psalm was written by David as was about half of all the 150 psalms. The 108th is a song written to sing praises to the God who gives victory. The thought for this article is taken from the first verse:

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.

The King James Version reads just a bit differently:

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Notice, first of all, that David's heart was fixed or steadfast. His mind was made up. He had already decided and would not change. He would sing and give praises to God. My friend, here is a wonderfully practical lesson for you and me. We need to simply make up our minds to praise Jehovah. The decision whether or not to praise God is not to be made on the basis of some situation only to be faced again in the next situation but, rather should be a one-time, life-committing decision. If properly made, the decision to praise the Lord will consume all of your being for the rest of your life, and thus you will prepare for all eternity.

Then David said he would sing praises even with his glory. What does he mean? What is a person's glory? According to the New American Standard rendering it is his soul. Can you think of what it means to praise God even with your soul, even with your glory? I would like to suggest three thoughts in this connection.

First, the human soul is what sets God's highest creation apart from the animal kingdom. Your soul is the reason the Bible says you are created in the image of God. The soul is that which lives throughout eternity long after the rest of you returns to dust by the process of decay. It is the only part of you capable of praises after the rest is consumed by the grave. There is no more precious part of you; no higher gift you can give your Creator in this life than to praise Him with the soul.

Second, praising with the soul cannot be a shallow or mechanical ritual. Such praises are heart-felt; they spring from man's or woman's deepest emotions. Such praises are the only kind of praises God will accept.

Third, the soul is the spirit of mankind. The Lord Jesus said in John 4:24, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The only approach to God involves even the soul.