

ACTS Prayer: Thanksgiving  
Psalm 138:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
September 12, 2021

- I. Introduction
- II. Series: ACTS Prayer
- III. Adoration vs. thanksgiving
- IV. How did the Jews thank God? (Ps. 138:1-2)
  - A. Israel's worship book
  - B. With their "whole heart" (138:1)
  - C. For God's
    - 1. "Steadfast love" and "faithfulness" (138:2)
    - 2. "Name" and "word" (138:2)
- V. Paul's instruction on thanks (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
  - A. What's happening in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-10)
  - B. What to do in such circumstances
    - 1. "Rejoice always" (5:16)
    - 2. "Pray without ceasing" (5:17)
    - 3. "Give thanks in all circumstances" (5:18)
  - C. How can Paul say this?
- VI. Our prayers should
  - A. Include thanksgiving
  - B. Give thanks
    - 1. With our whole hearts
    - 2. In bad circumstances
- VII. Conclusion: George Herbert (1593-1633), "Gratefulness"