



*I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.  
(Psalm 9:1 NLT)*



*I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.  
(Psalm 9:2 NLT)*

## I. I will give thanks to the LORD Most High, 9:1-2.

- (Psalm 9:1-2 ESV) **I will** give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; **I will** recount all of your wonderful deeds. 2 **I will** be glad and exult in you; **I will** sing praise to your name, O Most High.

### A. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.

I will give full and complete credit to God for every good thing in my life.

**Gerald Wilson ...** Whole heart speaks of ... complete unification of purpose and full obedience, it admonishes the hearer to respond to God “with all your heart and with all your soul,” knowing that it is out of the interior process of deliberation that the true nature of an individual is revealed. [Wilson, G. H. (2002). *Psalms* (Vol. 1, p. 226). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.]

**John Calvin ...** Thus he [David] distinguishes himself not only from gross hypocrites, who praise God only with their lips outwardly, without having their hearts in any way affected, but also acknowledges that whatever he had hitherto done which was commendable, proceeded entirely from the pure grace of God. Even irreligious men, I admit, when they have obtained some memorable victory, are ashamed to defraud God of the praise which is due to him; but we see that as soon as they have uttered a single

expression in acknowledgment of the assistance God has afforded them, they immediately begin to boast loudly, and to sing triumphs in honor of their own valor, as if they were under no obligations whatever to God. In short, it is a piece of pure mockery when they profess that their exploits have been done by the help of God; for, after having made oblation to Him, they sacrifice to their own counsels, skill, courage, and resources. ... David, therefore, with good reason, affirms that he is unlike the children of this world, whose hypocrisy or fraud is discovered by the wicked and dishonest distribution which they make between God and themselves, arrogating to themselves the greater part of the praise which they pretended to ascribe to God. He praised God with his whole heart, which they did not; for **certainly it is not praising God with the whole heart when a mortal man dares to appropriate the smallest portion of the glory which God claims for himself.** God cannot bear with seeing his glory appropriated by the creature in even the smallest degree, so intolerable to him is **the sacrilegious arrogance of those who, by praising themselves, obscure his glory as far as they can.** [Calvin, J., & Anderson, J. (2010). *Commentary on the Book of Psalms* (Vol. 1, pp. 110–111). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.]

## **WHOLE HEART**

### ***VOLITIONALLY / EMOTIONALLY / EXPERIENTIALLY***

**VOLITIONALLY:** I will choose in the deep places of my heart and soul to give thanks to the LORD.

**EMOTIONALLY:** I will give thanks to the LORD based on 1) my love for God, 2) my love for the work of the Spirit through the word of God in my life, and 3) my joy in the fruit and the works the Spirit produces in and through me.

**EXPERIENTIALLY:** I will give thanks to the LORD because I can do nothing else as I am filled with the Spirit by the overwhelming, abundant goodness of God and experience his majesty and might in my life in such a way that the Spirit carries me along for the ride.

**B. I will give thanks as I recount all that God has done for me, in me and through me.**

**C. I will be glad and rejoice in who God is.**

I will be filled with joy as I grow in my understanding of my eternal relationship with God Most High.

**II. I will give thanks as I look to the day when the LORD Most High sets everything in its rightful place, 9:3-6.**

- (Psalm 9:3–6 ESV) When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. 4 For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

**III. I will trust in the LORD's just, righteous rule because I know who he is, 9:7-10.**

- (Psalm 9:7–10 ESV) But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his

throne for justice, 8 and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. 9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**IV. I will call others to the praises of our Sovereign LORD and to see past this world to the joy of our salvation, 9:11-16.**

- (Psalm 9:11–16 ESV) Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! 12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. 13 Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, 14 that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation. 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. 16 The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaiion. Selah

**V. I will one day witness when God judges the wicked and forgetful nations of this world and in reverence they will know that he is God and they are but mere mortals, 9:17-20.**

- (Psalm 9:17–20 ESV) The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! 20 Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah