

DESCRIPTION

The song “Grateful” is a call to believers to give thanks for what the Lord has done for them. The majority of the song takes imagery out of Psalm 118.

Verse 1

*This is the day that You have made
Whatever comes, I won't complain
For all my hope is in Your name
And now Your joy awaits my praise*

Psalm 118:24 declares, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”. We can safely say that every day is unlike any other day in human history and therefore the Lord made it new and fresh for our enjoyment. Contextually, however, “the day” in which the Psalmist refers to is a salvific day. God has “opened to (us) the gates of righteousness” (v19) through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we celebrate and rejoice, rather than grumble or complain.

Verse 2

*When I was down, You brought me out
You set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand, You are my God
His faithfulness, my Solid Rock*

The Psalmist, in 118:5, describes a time where he calls to the the Lord in “distress”. The Lord “answered” this cry with His very presence. Our ultimate distress in this life is the distress of sin. Through the work of Jesus Christ, all Christians can say with confidence that: “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear” (v6) and “The Lord has answered me and set me free” (v5). God has given us a solid rock in Jesus Christ to set as the “cornerstone” (v22) of our lives

Chorus

*I give thanks, for all You have done
And I will sing, of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unfailing
Lord, I am grateful
I give thanks, for all You have done
I won't forget, all the battles You have won
Your love is unfailing
Lord, I am grateful!*

All of these great things that the Lord has done for us, propels us to thanksgiving and gratefulness. Psalm 118 ends with this: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good for his steadfast love endures forever!

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Bridge

*And as we lift our hands up
The heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love
Our God has spoken over us
And as we lift our hands up
The heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love
Our God has spoken over us!*

We can not be sure what the writers of this song meant by the phrase “and as we lift our hands up the Heavens open”. What we will take it to mean is this: as we engage in worship, there is no barrier between us and God. Because of Jesus, we have full access to God, who is high above the heavens. Since all the promises of God have found their “yes” in Jesus Christ, we can now live in a way that declares that love to the world around us.