

Good morning! What do you think of when you think of worshiping God? What demonstrates His greatness to you? Creation? The oceans? The infinite-ness scientists and doctors have discovered in scientific research? We see His power and beauty presented to us when we look up at the sky at night; when we watch the sunrise and sunset; when we look at the mountains or the wildlife we see all around us. It's no wonder so many cultures worshiped creation; it reflects the beauty and glory of our God! But there are two things that God has exalted above anything else. Do you know what they are? Let's read this morning's passage together:

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

**Psalm 138:2**

Today's passage tells us that God has reached down to us in love and compassion by exalting two things above everything else. It reminds us that, while we might see His greatness and His wisdom and power in creation, in the seas, in the mountains, in the stars and the sun and moon, those things don't give us any access to Him. Above all creation, God has exalted two things: His Name and His Word. Why would He do that? Because of His love and faithfulness to us. Through His Name and His Word we have access to Him. His Word tells us Who God is---what kind of God He is. His Word tells us what God likes and what He doesn't like. His Word tells us all of the wonderful promises He has made available to us through His name. God exalted His Name and His Word above all other things in the universe so that He might make Himself available to us. We cannot come to God on the basis of the awesome glory of creation, but we *can* come to God on the basis of the promises of His Word and the Name of His Son Jesus Christ. Bow down this morning and praise God for His Name and His Word. Thank Him for His love and faithfulness to you...His mercies are everlasting!