

Scriptures: August 23, 2026

Ancient Testimony Psalm 138

One: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

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

**Many: When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you,
O Lord, when they have heard the words of your
mouth**

One: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the
glory of the Lord.

**Many: Though you are high, you care for the lowly;
you perceive the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.**

One O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;
your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your
hands

~silence is kept~

Ancient Testimony Exodus 1:8-2:10 NRSV

Pharaoh's daughter saves Moses

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,^[b] 'because', she said, 'I drew him out^[c] of the water.'

Ancient Testimony Matthew 16: 13-20 NRSV

Peter professes his faith

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock^[c] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was^[d] the Messiah.^[e]