

Great Is The LORD

And Highly To Be Praised

Psalm 145 - The Lord Extolled In His Greatness

Psalm 145

- A Psalm of David
- A series of 21 couplets (or 22 - ESV, NIV, NLT, NASB2020).
The last of the acrostic Psalms
- The Psalm considers:
 - God's Greatness (1-6)
 - God's Goodness (7-10)
 - God's Glory (11-13)
 - God's Grace (14-21)

Psalm 145:1-2— David's Praise

- *"I will **extol** You, my God, O King, and I will **ble**ss Your name forever and ever. Every day I will **ble**ss You, and I will **praise** Your name forever and ever."*
- Extol - 'to be high, exalted; to lift up'
- Bless - 'to kneel, bless as an act of adoration; to give thanks to, to worship and give honor'
- Praise - 'to celebrate, glory, sing, boast'

Because of Who God Is (1-3)

- David determined to extol, bless, and praise the name of God every day and forever because God is supreme
- David acknowledges God as **King** - his sovereign ruler (1)
- God's **greatness** is unsearchable (3; **Rom. 11:33-36; Job. 9:10; Isa. 40:27-31**)

Because of God's Power (4-6)

- God's power and majesty proclaimed through the generations
 - "Declare" His "**mighty acts**" (4)
 - "Meditate" on God's "**majesty**" and "**wondrous works**" (5)
 - "Speak of the **power**" of God's "**awesome acts**" (6)
 - "Tell" of God's "**greatness**" (6)

Because of God's Power (4-6)

- God's power and majesty proclaimed through the generations
- Moses to Israel - **Deut. 10:12-22**
- Joshua to Israel - **Josh. 4:4-7; 21-24**
- The gospel message proclaims God's power over sin and death through Jesus (**1 Cor. 15:1-11**)

Because of God's Nature (7-9)

- God's perfect nature should be acknowledged
 - "Your **abundant goodness**" (7a)
 - "Your **righteousness**" (7b)
 - "**Gracious and merciful**" (8a)
 - "**Slow to anger, great in lovingkindness**" (8b)
 - "The Lord is **good** to all", "His **mercies**" (9)

Because of God's Nature (7-9)

- God's perfect nature should be acknowledged
- Moses appealed to God's lovingkindness on behalf of Israel (**Num. 14:11-21**)
- We have experienced the ultimate showing of God's lovingkindness through Jesus (**Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:6-11; Titus 3:1-8**)

Because of God's Kingdom (10-13)

- Throughout every generation, people will tell of God's kingdom and His mighty acts - His kingdom endures forever (c.f. Dan. 4:1-3, 34-37)
- The **glory** of His kingdom and His **power** (11)
- The **glory** of the **majesty** of Your kingdom (12)
- An **everlasting** kingdom (13a)
- **Dominion** throughout all generations (13b)

Because of God's Kingdom (10-13)

- Paul's example in praising the King (**1 Tim. 1:12-17**)
- Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth (**Rev. 1:4-8**)
- Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings (**Rev. 17:14; 19:11-16**)
- Jesus reigns over His kingdom until he delivers it up to His Father (**Col. 1:13-20; 1 Cor. 15:22-28**)

Because of God's Care (14-20)

- Some translations* have another couplet at vs. 13 - ["The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all his works"]
- God **provides** all that we need (14-16; **1 Pt. 5:6-7**)
- The Lord is **near** to all who call upon Him in truth (17-19; **Rom. 10:13-17; Ac. 2:21, 38-41; Ac. 22:16; 1 Pt. 3:8-16**)
- The Lord **keeps** all who love Him (19a;)
 - BUT all the wicked he will destroy (19b)

The Result of a Proper View of God

- Resolve to **Praise the LORD** (1,2)
- **Proclaim to others** of God's '**mighty acts**', of His '**greatness**,' of His '**goodness**,' of His '**righteousness**' and the '**glory of His Kingdom**.' (4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 21)
- **Meditate** on the '**glorious splendor of [His] majesty**' and upon His '**wonderful works**' (5)
- Appeal to and depend upon **His grace and mercy** for salvation and provisions (8,9,14-17)
- **Call upon Him in truth** (18)
- **Fear Him** and cry out to Him and **love Him** (19-20)
- **Speak the praise of the Lord**, and **bless His holy name** forever (21)

