

Psalm 145 – The King Worthy of Praise

A Praise of David

*1 I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.*

*2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

David begins with personal commitment: “*I will extol... I will bless... I will praise.*” Worship is not a once-a-week event; it's a daily offering. It flows from relationship, not just routine.

Personal Application:

Make praise part of your daily rhythm. Regardless of your circumstances, choose to bless His name—not because you feel like it, but because *He is worthy*. Set your heart to worship every day, not just on the good ones.

*3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.*

We cannot fully grasp the magnitude of God's greatness—it goes beyond intellect and imagination. Yet, He invites us to draw near and worship Him.

Personal Application:

You don't need to understand everything about God to adore Him. Acknowledging His greatness is not about comprehension but about awe and reverence. Bow your heart before the One whose greatness has no limits.

*4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.*

*5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.*

*6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.*

*7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.*

David recognizes that praise isn't just personal—it's generational. The stories of God's power and goodness must be passed on and proclaimed.

Personal Application:

Speak often of God's goodness—to your family, your friends, and especially the next generation. Let your life be a testimony. Let your mouth be filled with remembrance. The more you talk about His goodness, the more it becomes real and rooted in you.

*8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy.*

*9 The LORD is good to all,
And His tender mercies are over all His works.*

This is no different God than in the New Testament—He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Gracious, compassionate, patient, and kind—this is who He has always been.

Personal Application:

When you're tempted to think God is distant or harsh, return to these truths. He is not quick to condemn. He is rich in mercy. Let that truth comfort you in failure and inspire you toward Him in worship.

*10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,
And Your saints shall bless You.
11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
And talk of Your power,
12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

God's kingdom is not temporary or political—it is eternal. It outlasts empires, governments, and eras. His dominion is unshakable.

Personal Application:

When the world feels chaotic, remember: God is still on the throne. His rule is not up for election, and His purposes are not derailed by man's rebellion. Anchor your peace in His unchanging sovereignty.

*14 The LORD upholds all who fall,
And raises up all who are bowed down.*

God is not just the King—He's the Helper of the humble. He lifts the broken and strengthens the weary.

Personal Application:

When you stumble, don't run from God—run to Him. He's not waiting to condemn; He's waiting to restore. Humility invites His strength. Pride resists it.

*15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
And You give them their food in due season.
16 You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

All of creation depends on God. He is the Giver and Sustainer. His open hand is a picture of generosity.

Personal Application:

When you're in need—physically, emotionally, spiritually—look expectantly to the Lord. Trust His timing. He feeds, He satisfies, and He doesn't do it begrudgingly. He opens His hand willingly.

*17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.*

Everything God does is right—even when we don't understand it. He is never unjust. His grace permeates His every action.

Personal Application:

When doubts creep in—when tragedy strikes or life seems unfair—remember this: *God is righteous in all His ways*. Anchor your faith not in your feelings, but in His revealed character.

*18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.*

God is not far off. He draws near to the sincere heart—the one that seeks Him in truth, not pretense.

Personal Application:

God doesn't respond to performance; He responds to sincerity. Call on Him with an honest heart. He's closer than you think—especially when you're desperate.

*19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.
20 The LORD preserves all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.*

God responds to reverence with blessing and preservation. He doesn't overlook the cry of those who love Him. But He also upholds justice—wickedness will not endure forever.

Personal Application:

God sees your love for Him. He guards and preserves His people. At the same time, He is just—evil will have an end. Trust Him to be both merciful and righteous.

*21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD,
And all flesh shall bless His holy name
Forever and ever.*

David ends where he began—with intentional, wholehearted praise. He looks forward to a time when *all flesh* will bless the Lord.

Personal Application:

Let your life be marked by praise. Let your mouth speak often of His greatness. And live in anticipation of that coming day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord (Philippians 2:10–11).

Conclusion: The Unsearchable Greatness of God

Psalms 145 is a majestic celebration of God's character—His greatness, His goodness, His mercy, and His nearness. It's also a call to generational praise, humble dependence, and daily worship.

*"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable."* (Psalm 145:3)

This psalm isn't just a song—it's a worldview. One that sees God as the rightful King, generous Father, righteous Judge, and ever-present Savior. And one that invites *you* to respond in praise.