

PSALM 145 – A Song of God’s Majesty and Love! He is Good to All!

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY – F. Crosby - Royal Albert Hall – (3:26)

Psa 145:11 They shall speak of the **glory** of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

Psa 145:12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the **glorious** majesty of His kingdom.

1 To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.(Refrain)

3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain-2X)

PSALM 145 - Great Is the Lord - A Praise of David - This is the last Psalm specifically ascribed to David. It also the last of the acrostic Psalms. This one examines the goodness of God from “A to Z”! In this Psalm, as well as in Ephesians, chapter 1, we are reminded of all of God’s blessings, being filled with example after example of God’s goodness!

It seems that in compiling the Psalms, that as they came to the end of the Psalms, they sort of grouped together, Psalms of praise. Now all the way through the Psalms, there is praise. All the way through there are exhortations to praise, but in the end of the Psalms here, there seems just to be a grouping of praise Psalms. In fact, from Psalm 146 on to the end, they begin with the Hebrew word, Hallelujah, which means praise to Jehovah. So, Psalms 145-150 are Praise or Hallelujah Psalms!

Psa 145:1 *I will* (uses 6X) *extol* (praise, exalt, lift up) **You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.**

Psa 145:2 *Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

- **He begins it by declaring, I will extol You, my God, O King!** The kingdom of God means the kingdom where God reigns. Everyone who has submitted their lives to be reigned over by God, have entered the kingdom of God. We make a mistake when we think of the Kingdom of God as something that is future, something that I will enter into when I die or something that God is going to establish upon the earth in time to come. Now there is in a sense a truth to that. We pray “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” But God’s kingdom exists now! It has always existed. The moment I surrender myself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to be ruled over by Him, I have entered into the kingdom, and thus I begin to enjoy the benefit of the kingdom of God—and there are many!
- **I will bless Your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless You; and I will praise Your name forever and ever.** David opens this Psalm by the declaration of his intentions of daily and forever blessing the name of the Lord! Now the reason is the Lord is great and He is greatly to be praised! And His greatness is unsearchable! In the Book of Revelation as the cherubim in chapter four are describing their praises to God, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God, Almighty, which is, which was, which is to come. The twenty-four elders in response to this worship of the cherubim, declare, Thou are worthy to receive praise and glory and honor!

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

- **He speaks of the worthiness as the result of His being the Creator**—for You have created all things! So great is the Lord! Greatly to be praised!

Psa 145:4 *One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.*

- **In verse two, it says I will praise Your name forever and forever.** We pass this heritage on to our children, and then to our children’s children -one generation to another! The Psalms speaks of one of the blessings of walking with the Lord. That is seeing our children’s children, or our grandchildren.
- **There is hardly anything more fulfilling that to hear** grandchildren singing about Jesus, singing about the Lord! What a blessing! What a thrill! One generation to another generation, passing it on! The praises of His works and the declaration of His might acts.

Psa 145:5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works.

- This blessing God, this praising God. Speaking of God's glorious honor, His majesty!

Psa 145:6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.

Psa 145:7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

- ***Your awesome acts! We sing our God is an awesome God!*** Here he is talking here about how awesome is God. Awesome are the acts of God. So, I speak of the might, the power, the awesome work of God!
- ***And I will declare Your greatness.*** They go together! The might of God, the awesome work of God and the greatness of God!
- ***The LORD is greatly to be praised!*** He is great, greatly to be praised! His greatness is unsearchable. Manifested in His wondrous works, in His might, in His awesome acts, in His greatness, in His great goodness, in His righteousness. All of these are characteristics of God that evoke from our hearts, praise! When you start thinking about these things, praise becomes a spontaneous reaction to the thoughts of the greatness of God. The righteousness of God, the power of God, the awesome work of God, all of these things should evoke sort of a response from our soul and from our heart—a response of praise and thanksgiving!

Psa 145:8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

- ***Often we hear people talking*** about the God of the Old Testament versus the God of the New Testament, as though there were two gods. One an awesome, fierce, Mt. Sinai, law giving, fire and judgment God, versus the “turn the other cheek”, “bless those that curse you”, and the God as manifested by Jesus in the New Testament.
- ***In reality there is only one God.*** There are two aspects to His nature. He is a loving God. He is a gracious God. He is a merciful God. And the Old Testament reveals Him as such. But He is also a God of judgment, bringing judgment upon the ungodly.
- ***There is a certain, built-in kind of a judgment*** to certain activities. If you do certain things you are going to reap certain consequences. The Bible says whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. And there are certain activities and certain actions that automatically bring a certain response or reaction or a consequence to that action. God in His love warns us against those destructive things. God is seeking to protect man from that nature of man that is in and of itself, bent towards those things that can destroy, those things that do destroy. Basically, God prohibited those things that are destructive, destructive to relationships, destructive to your health, destructive to your relationship with your wife, with your family, with your friends, destructive to your relationship with God--things that destroy you. You are not to do these things. But those things that build you up, those things that make you a better person, those things that enhanced your relationships with others and your relationship with God, God said, these are the things you should do!
- ***God sees us doing these things that He knows*** are going to bring us pain. They are going to bring us suffering. God has done everything short of the violation of our will to dissuade us, to change us. But we get stubborn. We get headstrong. We go ahead and do it anyhow. Then He just waits. When we get to that crushing part, that painful part, then He is so full of compassion. He is so gracious! And He helps us to put together the broken pieces. But He would have helped us to avert all of that, had we only obeyed and listened to Him! The Lord is gracious, even though I do things in my own headstrong will that bring me pain and hurt. When you go ahead and do it anyhow, He does not just cut you off and say, all right, that is enough! I have had it with you! Forget you, you know! I disown you! Never call on Me again! You do not do that with your children, either. You just sort of watch the pain and hurt. Then you wait to help pick up the pieces and put it back together. That is the way God is, so compassionate, so gracious, even though we have brought upon ourselves that pain and that sorrow.

Psa 145:9 The LORD is good to all (used 11 times), And His tender mercies are over all His works.

- ***This is the central theme of this Psalm.*** We are not in heaven yet! This world, while filled with so many good things, is still a difficult place to live. Be we need to be reminded, that even in a fallen world, “The LORD is good to all”!

Psa 145:10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

- ***And Your saints shall bless You.. A step of above praise is that of blessing God.*** The birds cannot bless God. The trees cannot bless God. The flowers of the field cannot bless God. For blessing God is an act of intellect. It is an act of preference, and it is an act of love. Thus, only the saints can really bless God. And according to God's Word, you who have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior are saints, even though you may feel like it. A saint is one who has come to place his trust in Jesus Christ. Saints are not perfect. God help us. Perfect people do not exist. You do not have to die to become a saint! If you are not a saint now, you never will be! A saint is one who has just come to place his trust in Jesus Christ. Having placed my trust in Jesus Christ, I have brought into a new relationship with God, a very special relationship, in which I can bless God. I can come a step above praise. And I enter into this relationship where I bless

God and God blesses me. The Scripture does not speak of God praising man. The Scripture speaks of God blessing men. The saints of God can go one step higher than praise into the realm of blessing, where God has blessed by your life.

Psa 145:11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

- **How do we bless God? They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power.** . Whenever you get together, you start talking about the glory of the kingdom of God. How glorious it is to walk with Jesus Christ! How glorious it is to just be in fellowship with God and to be able to call upon Him and know that He is there. Just to experience His help and His strength and His goodness and all of these things that God does for us as His children. To get to others and just talk about the glory of having submitted your life to being ruled over by Him, that blesses God. God is blessed as you talk about Him and as you share the things of God, and you talk about His glorious power! Our God is an awesome God and as you talk about the power, bringing it down to the human level!

Psa 145:12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

- **As we talk to others about God, the glorious kingdom of God** and the glories of His majesty, God is blessed. They that love the Lord, speak often one to another and God listened. He kept a record. God said, (*Mal 3:16-17*) *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. [17] "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."*

Psa 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

- **David knew that he had only** a short time to reign on the throne. He knew that one day he was going to pass on and that his son was going to ascend to the throne. But not so with God! God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom!
- **And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.** I will reign during my generation. But in the next generation, a new king. It will pass on. But God's reign is eternal!

Psa 145:14 The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

- **The Lord is gracious. He is full of compassion.** You fall! He will lift you up! You are bent over, the Lord will raise you up! How glorious it is that the Lord will uphold those who fall. If you have a tendency towards falling, you would better just lean upon Him. He will hold you up!

Psa 145:15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.

- **Again, we are looking at all of creation.** God takes care and sees that all of His creation is fed in a timely and continuously manner.

Psa 145:16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- **And satisfy the desire of every living thing.** Man, beast, birds, fish.

Psa 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

- **The LORD is righteous in all His ways!** Now, this is more! The Lord is gracious. He is full of compassion, tender mercies over all of His works. And now, the Lord is righteous in all of His ways! He is holy in all of His works.

Psa 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

- **Where do you think God dwells?** Where does He live? You know we are discovering what a vast universe we live in. They have now developed a new technique in the creating of telescopes and the using of multiple mirrors and getting them to focus or in flexible mirrors in some cases. They are able now through the new technology to peer even more completely in the universe in which we live. And through this new technology, they are discovering a lot of interesting things. The vastness of the universe! Now we so often unconsciously or subconsciously in our minds, think that God sort of lives out on the edge of space, however far that is—sort of way far off from us. Sometimes we feel that God is so very far removed because of the infinite God and here I am being the finite man. How can I, the finite man, ever touch the infinite God? Those in the Bible have seen there is a problem.
- **Job said, how can a man justify himself before God? He is so great.** I am really nothing! Who am I that I can plead my case before God? I need someone to stand between us. One who can lay His hand upon us both. David said, when I consider the heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon, and the stars that you have ordained, what is man that Thou are mindful of him? As you look at this vast universe that was created by God and wonder just, what is man, that God would even be mindful of him? God so often seems so far away, but He is really very close—extremely close to those that call upon Him.
- **Paul said, do not think that salvation is away off** somewhere in the universe, where we have to get a volunteer to go up and somehow bring it down. But the Word of the Lord is very close to you! In fact, it is in your mouth. For if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and just believe in your

heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved! That is how close you are! The Lord is near to those that call upon Him! To all that call upon Him in truth! That is, in sincerity.

- **There are a lot of times people just call casually** on the Lord. He said, (*Jer 29:13*) *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.* The effectual fervent pray of a righteous man, avails much. I think that many of our prayers are just hopes that we toss-up. There is really not much behind them. It really is not fervent. Then, we said, well, I prayed, you know, and God did not do anything. I sought the Lord, and you know, He did not come through. But I think that when we really get desperate before the Lord and seek Him with all of our hearts, we find that He is very close, when we seek Him with all of our hearts!

Psa 145:19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

- **Those that call upon God in truth, all those who revere Him,** God will fulfill their desire. He will hear their cry and He will save them.

Psa 145:20 The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

- **The LORD preserves all who love Him.** He is gracious and compassionate. He preserves all of those that love Him.
- **But all the wicked He will destroy.** Now here is the other side of the coin—and there has to be two sides to the coin! Those that love Him, God preserves! The wicked, He will destroy.

Psa 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name

- **But My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD!**
- **And all flesh shall bless His holy name!.**

SUMMARY

- This acrostic Psalm examines the goodness of God from “A to Z”!
- The LORD is good to all!

KING OF KINGS *Song by Hillsong Worship (4:25)*

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light. 'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets. To a virgin came the word. From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.

(Refrain) Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (Refrain)

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath. 'Til that stone was moved for good. For the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe. For the souls of all who had come To the Father are restored. And the church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, In His freedom I am free! For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me! (Refrain)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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