

PSALM 145 2024 – A Praise of God’s Majesty and Love! He is Good to All!

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PRAISE! Brandon Lake (3:51)

*I'll praise in the valley Praise on the mountain (yeah) I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting (yes, sir) I'll praise when outnumbered Praise when surrounded 'Cause
praise is the water My enemies drown 'in
As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to Praise the Lord Oh, my soul (c'mon)
Praise the Lord Oh, my soul (hey)
I'll praise when I feel it And I'll praise when I don't I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control
Because my praise is a weapon It's more than a sound (more than a sound)
Oh, my praise is the shout That brings Jericho down (oh)
As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord (c'mon) Oh, my soul (So I'm gonna) praise the Lord Oh, my soul
I won't be quiet, my God is alive So how could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord Oh, my soul (Praise the Lord)
Come on, let me see that dance Put a dance on it tonight If you're grateful Come on, aye, aye
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than
You, I'll pray I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign (You reign) praise 'cause You reign Praise 'cause You
rose and defeated the grave I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You
Praise the Lord Oh, my soul (come on, come on, come on, come on) I gotta praise the Lord Oh, my soul
Praise the Lord Oh, my soul (yes, my Lord) Praise the Lord Oh, my soul
I won't be quiet, my God is alive How could I keep it inside? (Oh, I won't be quiet)
I won't be quiet (my God) My God is alive (how could I?) How could I keep it inside?
(Oh, I won't be quiet) I won't be quiet, my God is alive How could I keep it inside?
I gotta praise the Lord Oh, my soul*

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!

David’s Psalm of Praise! David had blessed God many a time in other Psalms, but **this he regarded** as his special, **his crown jewel of praise**. Certainly David’s praise is the best of praise, for it is that of a man of experience, of sincerity, of calm deliberation, and of intense warmth of heart. It is not for anyone of us to render David’s praise, for David only could do that; but we may take David’s Psalm as a model, and aim at making it our own personal adoration as much like it as possible. We shall be long before we equal our model. Let each Christian reader present his own praise unto the Lord, and call it by his own name What a wealth of varied praise will thus be presented through Christ Jesus!

Psa 145:1 I will extol (praise, exalt, lift up pre-eminently) **You, my God, O King; And I will bless** (sense of deepening and sweetening) **Your name forever and ever.**

Psa 145:2 Every day I will bless You, And I will praise (halal – to boast, shine, make a show) **Your name forever and ever** (eternal, as the God we praise).

- **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.

- **Worship should be somewhat like its object - great praise for a great God.** 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 than 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 mighty 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!
- **And shall sing of Your righteousness.** 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, singing 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, singing and thanksgiving!

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

- **The Lord is gracious.** Was it not in some such terms that the Lord revealed Himself to Moses? Is not this Jehovah's glory? To all living men this is His aspect: He is gracious, or full of goodness and generosity. He treats his creatures with kindness, His subjects with consideration, and His saints with favour. His words and ways, His promises and His gifts, His plans and His purposes all manifest His grace, or free favour. There is nothing suspicious, prejudiced, morose, tyrannical, or unapproachable in Jehovah, - He is condescending and kind.
- **And full of compassion. To the suffering, the weak, the foolish, the despondent, he is very pitiful:** he feels for them, he feels with them: he does this heartily, and in a practical manner. Of this pitifulness he is full, so that he compassionates freely, constantly, deeply, divinely, and effectually. In God is fulness in a sense not known among men, and this fulness is all fragrant with sympathy for human misery. If the Lord be full of compassion there is no room in him for forgetfulness or harshness, and none should suspect him thereof. What an ocean of compassion there must be since the Infinite God is full of it.
- **Slow to anger. Even those who refuse His grace yet share in long-suffering.** When men do not repent, but, on the contrary, go from bad to worse, he is still averse to let His wrath flame forth against them. Greatly patient and extremely anxious that the sinner may live, He "lets the lifted thunder drop," and still forbears. "Love suffers long and is kind," and God is love.
- **And great in mercy. This is His attitude towards the guilty.** When men at last repent, they find pardon awaiting them. Great is their sin, and great is God's mercy. They need great help, and they have it though they deserve it not; for He is greatly good to the greatly guilty.

Psa 145:9 The LORD is good to all (used 14 times), And His tender mercies are over all His works.

- **This is the central theme of this Psalm.** No one, not even his fiercest enemy, can deny this. 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 of 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 is 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 do better just to 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. These verses refer to natural providence; but they may equally well apply to the stores of grace, since the same God is king in both spheres. If we will but wait upon the Lord for pardon, renewing, or whatever else we need, we shall not wait in vain. The hand of grace is never closed while the sinner lives

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 gracious 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. 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?
- **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!
- **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. 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!** I am doing it and will do it as long as I live!
- **And all flesh shall bless His holy name!** Blessed be He above all that we can know, think, or say!

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! – Redman (5:42)

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come.

Still my soul will

Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore - Refrain (2X) I'll worship

Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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