

Praise God for He is Great

May 16th, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 145

Psalm 145:

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works
to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will
meditate.
⁶ They shall speak of the might of your
awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of
your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your
righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.
⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has
made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you,
O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your

kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to the children of man
your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your
kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due
season.
¹⁶ You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
²⁰ The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of
the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever.

Outline

1. Why we praise God
2. What we praise God for
 - a. His Unsearchable Greatness
 - b. His Gracious, Loving Greatness



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Why We Praise God

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed...The Scotch catechism says that man’s chief end is ‘to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.’ But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.”
-C.S. Lewis

“The praise of the praiseworthy is above all rewards.”
-J.R.R. Tolkien

What We Praise God For

His Unsearchable Greatness

Revelation 4:2-6:

“behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.”

His Gracious, Loving Greatness

“Steadfastness isn’t a virtue that shines in comfort but in conflict, afflictions, and uncertainty.”
-David Mathis

“Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;”
- *The Valley of Vision*

