

Psalm 145 is a Psalm of David and it is the only Psalm that is titled “A Psalm of Praise.”

This Psalm actually starts the praise doxologies that will bring the book of Psalms to a conclusion. In the final six Psalms, the subject of praising God is paramount. In fact, the word “praise” shows up some 46 times in the final six Psalms.

Now the point of this particular praise Psalm is this:

GOD’S PEOPLE SHOULD EXALT AND PRAISE GOD NOW AND FOREVER BECAUSE THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL DO THIS.

It is the responsibility of every generation of believers to worship God, exalt God and praise God. We have the responsibility as God’s people to praise God and if we don’t do it, none will. Never should God’s people attempt to bring God down to our sinful level. We should always seek to exalt God at His great level.

Now let us observe what **verses 1-2** say. David will extol, exalt, praise and bless God forever and ever “every day.” To David, God was “my God” and God was “King.” Every day David praised God for who He is.

As we have seen in these Psalms, David had a lonely and tough existence. His life was filled with problems, pressures, and at times failures. But David never lost his focus on the greatness of God. He praised God and exalted God “every day.”

Godly people are like that. Godly people have a high and holy and exalted view of God “every day.” They praise God’s name, realizing that God’s name will be praised forever and ever. Many people curse God; but David praised and exalted God.

Now there are about four main reasons why David praised God and each reason begins with a word that starts with the letter “G”:

PRAISE REASON #1 – David praised God because of God’s greatness. 145:3-6

There are four great praise realities brought out in these verses:

Great Praise Reality #1 - God is great in His Person. 145:3

God is to be exalted and praised for who He is and also for how great He is. God’s greatness is unsearchable no matter what the context. Paul said that God’s wisdom and knowledge are unsearchable and unfathomable (Rom. 11:33).

The Hebrew word “unsearchable” means there is no research or searching that can fully discover the totality of the greatness of God. The greatest use of any human mind is to search the Scriptures and search for knowledge of God.

Great Praise Reality #2 - God is great in His works. **145:4**

God has done mighty acts and works in every generation. To this day people talk about God parting a sea. One problem that exists today is that people want to attribute the great works of God to someone other than God. For example, powerful displays in the weather are called “mother nature.”

Great Praise Reality #3 - God is great in His majesty. **145:5**

God has a majesty that no other being has. Someone wisely observed the lowest thing God does will always be majestically higher than the highest thing man does. We are to meditate on the great things done by the majestic God. We are to ponder the amazing things God does. Again, there is no greater use of our minds.

Great Praise Reality #4 - God is great in His power. **145:6**

God has awesome power and He does awesome things with His power. During the Tribulation God will display His power with many cosmic and sovereign displays that will leave everyone in the world talking about it.

Men are enamored with greatness. The greatest Person in existence is God. There is none greater than Him and none more powerful than Him. He is the one who is to be praised. **Now notice at the end of verse 6, we have the responsibility to tell others about the greatness of God.**

PRAISE REASON #2 – David praised God because of God’s goodness. **145:7-10**

There are six goodness facts for which David praised God:

Goodness Fact #1 - God’s goodness is abundant. **145:7**

There will come a day when all mankind will remember the goodness of God. You cannot exaggerate about God. There is nothing you can say that will ever exceed the greatness and goodness of God. In fact, people don’t speak enough about the greatness and goodness of God. One day people will be eager to talk and will be joyful in shouting out the truth.

Goodness Fact #2 - God’s goodness is gracious. **145:8a**

This is one of the great praises of God—He is gracious. He is gracious to us when we don’t deserve it, merit it and cannot earn it.

Goodness Fact #3 - God’s goodness is merciful. **145:8b**

God’s goodness reaches out to those helpless and hopeless.

Goodness Fact #4 - God's goodness is slow to anger. **145:8c**

God does get angry, but He is very slow to do so. It is this fact that is the reason He does not quickly remove those who mock Him. It is also this fact that is the reason we can have a close relationship with Him.

Goodness Fact #5 - God's goodness is loving and kind. **145:8d**

God is not mean; He is loving and kind. In fact, He is "great in lovingkindness."

Goodness Fact #6 - God's goodness is universal. **145:9-10**

Even those who hate God or mock God have experienced the goodness of God—life; talents; provisions; abilities; careers; incomes.

We may observe that the word "all" is used from this point in the Psalm some 13 times. God has been good to "all."

It is the goodness of God that should lead sinners to repentance (Rom. 2:4). God has been good to all of His creation. His mercy has been displayed to all of His works. There will come a day when all the works of God will praise God and all the godly people will praise God (145:10). Ungodly people, who have experienced the goodness of God, never praise God. Even though God makes the sun to shine on the evil and the good, the just and the unjust, those not right with God do not acknowledge that.

PRAISE REASON #3 – David praised God because of God's government. **145:11-13**

The emphasis here is on the fact that David praised God because he knew there would come a time when God would have a righteous kingdom and rule in this universe. David knew how the prophetic story would end—a kingdom of God reigning forever and ever.

There are four government facts brought out in these verses:

Divine Government Fact #1 - God's government is a glorious government. **145:11a**

The greatest and most glorious form of government that will ever exist will be when Jesus Christ reigns on this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Divine Government Fact #2 - God's government is a powerful government. **145:11b**

There will come a time when all in the world will be talking about the power of God. During the Tribulation, God will display His power and when Christ returns, it will be the talk of the world.

Divine Government Fact #3 - God's government will be a mighty and majestic government. **145:12**

The reference to "sons of men" specifically has to do with the Tribulation when God is pouring out His wrath. All will know this is the mighty majestic God.

Divine Government Fact #4 - God's government will be an eternal government. **145:13**

God's sovereign control is eternal, but one day His reign on earth will be eternal.

PRAISE REASON #4 – David praised God because of God's grace. **145:14-20**

Now having meditated on the righteousness and greatness and power of God, God is still a God of grace. There are ten amazing grace facts brought out in these verses:

Grace Fact #1 - God's grace sustains all who fall. **145:14a**

God sustains those who fall and frankly, we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

Grace Fact #2 - God's grace will raise one bowed low. **145:14b**

God loves to lift lowly fallen sinners and display His grace. The words mean that God will grant His grace to those who are discouraged, bent over and beaten down by sin. His grace can and will lift the chief of sinners, no matter how low.

Grace Fact #3 - God's grace will be given to all who look to God. **145:15a**

In order for one to experience God's grace, one must look to God. That is where all must look.

Grace Fact #4 - God's grace will provide for the needs of His people. **145:15b**

Why doesn't God let all of us sinners starve to death? His grace.

Grace Fact #5 - God's grace will satisfy every person. **145:16, 19**

God is a God who can satisfy every need, including the need of the soul. God can satisfy every need of every living thing. In fact, **verse 19** says He will fulfill desires.

Grace Fact #6 - God's grace is a complete righteous grace. **145:17a**

God is righteous and just in all His ways and in all He does; end of discussion!

Grace Fact #7 - God's grace is a kind grace. **145:17b**

Kindness exists in everything God does and it certainly exists in any demonstration of grace.

Grace Fact #8 - God's grace is available to all who call to cry to Him. **145:18a, 19**

To experience God's grace one must call on God and ask God for it. He will hear the cry of one who calls to Him.

Grace Fact #9 - God's grace is available to those who are honest with Him. **145:18b, 19**

Those who fear God and call on Him in truth will receive His grace.

Grace Fact #10 - God's grace is a preserving grace. **145:20**

God's grace will protect those who love Him, but the wicked will be destroyed. God's grace will not save all people. It will only save those who admit the truth and cry out to Him.

David says in **verse 21**, "my mouth" will praise God for these things.