

An Endless Song for An Eternal King

Psalm 145

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Questions for discussion and application

- What stands out to you in Psalm 145? Why?
- What is the author's goal / reason for writing this song? What do you think he wants his original audience to walk away with / to do in response?
- The psalm begins in an extremely personal way. What personal decision has David (the author) made and why? What does his decision lead to?
- What does "unsearchable greatness" mean? What kind of perspective does it bring us?
- What does it mean for "*one generation to commend your works to another*"? Practically, what does this look like in your own life? How can we grow in this area?
- Ultimately, all the mighty acts and great works of God point us to His character. Read Psalm 145:8-9 again. How do His mighty works make these characteristics clear to you? Consider the mighty works we read about in the Bible and the works you've personally experienced in your own life.
- What does the finished work of Jesus on the cross reveal about God's character?
- Why does David celebrate God's Kingdom in verses 11-13? Describe some specific examples of what God's gracious rule looks like / produces. (see verses 14-20)
- Does God impress you? What if he doesn't? Maybe something else or someone else impresses you. If so, how can we grow in awe of God's works and character?
- The psalmist has invited you to sing along with him. What would it look like to take him up on his invitation?

1. David's voice leads the way - personal

(Psalm 145:1-3)

"This is what I will do!" and "Here's the reason why!"

Worship is "*acknowledging that someone or something else is greater – worth more – and as a result, to be obeyed, feared and adored.*"

It's "*the simultaneous expression of dependency and worth.*"

Verse 3 Great is The LORD = *Yahweh* – the covenant name of God. Exodus 3:14 "*He Who Is*"

2. Generations join in the song - communal

(Psalm 145:4-9)

"Generations will join me in praising you!" and "This is the reason why!"

- **Psalm 111:2**

Verses 8-9 The unforgettable revelation of God @ Mt Sinai to Moses. Exodus 34:6

The ocean of greatness we're staring at is just a drop - there's so much more!

3. The entire creation sings – worldwide (Psalm 145:10-20)

“All you have made will praise you!” and “This is why!”

- **Isaiah 52:7-10**
- **Mark 1:15**

Verses 14-20 Real life examples of God's gracious rule

Verse 21 David's resolve is clear and immovable; is yours?

- **Revelation 5:12-13**

An exercise for you to do on your own:

RESPONDING TO WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD

There's greatness in God that can't be fathomed. He can't be measured. We are called to commend the works of God to the next generation by asking, *“Have you seen how glorious and marvelous God really is?”*

Read this psalm slowly. Underline everything about God.

What's left is how to respond to what you have underlined!¹

Psalm 145:1-21

A psalm of praise. Of David. I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. ⁴ One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. ⁵ They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶ They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷ They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. ⁹ The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰ All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

¹¹ They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

¹² so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.

¹ Taken from JBC Summer 2005