

Celebrating God's Greatness

Read: Psalm 145:1-21

Main Idea: We celebrate God's past works of faithfulness and trust in His future promises, proclaiming His kingdom to all generations.

Key Verses: "I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable." (145:1-3)

Key Principles:

- God's greatness as eternal King should inspire daily praise that reflects His artistic skill in creation and redemption that weaves a tapestry of His glory.
- Proclamation of God's mighty acts passes down His faithfulness, countering false teachings with gospel-centered wisdom and fostering unity in the church.
- God's compassionate character, echoing Exodus 34:6-7, extends grace and mercy to all creation, providing a foundation for endurance and joy amid challenges.
- Trust in God's provision sustains the lowly and satisfies all living things, revealing His kingdom as spiritual and unbound by earthly limits.
- Future deliverance rests in God's righteousness and nearness to those who call on Him in truth, destroying evil while preserving His people for eternal purposes.
- Celebration of God's greatness ignites our awe, confronts despair and apathy, and motivates obedience in advancing His kingdom through faithful commitments.

Discussion:

1. How does daily praise demonstrate the link between personal exaltation of God and corporate celebration? How should we respond to this in the FORWARD Initiative?
2. In what ways might worldly cynicism or anxiety tempt us away from proclaiming God's mighty acts, and how should we guard our involvement in church initiatives?
3. When has recognizing God's grace and mercy led to purposeful action in your life? How does God's compassion and provision encourage you to trust Him?
4. Considering God's power to uphold the falling and satisfy desires, how can we rely on His care rather than our own strength when facing obstacles in kingdom work?
5. How do stories of God's past faithfulness in our church build thankfulness for our inheritance in Christ and confidence for future promises like those in FORWARD?
6. In light of God's deliverance and preservation of those who love Him, why does celebrating His greatness prepare us for lasting impact no matter what happens?

Prayer:

- Pray for an elevated vision of God's unsearchable greatness.
- Pray for
 - Awe that fuels daily worship and sharing of His deeds with the next generation.
 - Dependence on His merciful provision for every need in our lives and ministry.
 - Hope in His rescue, empowering us to share in His eternal kingdom.

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| I. | <u>Praise</u> God for His eternal <u>kingship</u>. | 145:1-7 |
| 1. | <u>Commit</u> to <u>praising</u> Him every day. | 145:1-3 |
| 2. | <u>Declare</u> His <u>mighty</u> acts to others. | 145:4-7 |
| II. | <u>Thank</u> God for His <u>compassionate provision</u>. | 145:8-16 |
| 1. | <u>Acknowledge</u> His grace and <u>mercy</u> . | 145:8-9 |
| 2. | <u>Trust</u> His care for <u>creation</u> . | 145:10-16 |
| III. | <u>Trust</u> God for future <u>deliverance</u>. | 145:17-21 |
| 1. | <u>Call</u> to the God of <u>truth</u> . | 145:17-19 |
| 2. | <u>Rest</u> in the God of <u>salvation</u> . | 145:20-21 |

NEXT WEEK:
Saved to Serve
Titus 1:1-9