

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
PSALMS-LESSON 32
WEEK OF May 17–May 22
Extolling God For His Goodness and Greatness
PSALM 145

Psalm 145, a psalm of praise of David, is the last of 75 psalms written by David. This psalm is written in acrostic form where each verse starts with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, beginning with the Hebrew letter A. It is a psalm of pure praise of the Lord.

C. H. Spurgeon described **Psalm 145** as follows: “David had blessed God many times in other psalms, but this is his crown jewel of praise. Certainly, David's praise is the best of praise, for it is from a man of experience, sincerity, calm deliberation, and intense warmth. It is not for us to offer David's praise, for only David could do that. But we may take David's Psalm as a model and make our personal adoration as much like it as possible.” *Treasury of David*, pg 1479

After David's call to praise and bless the Lord in **verse 1 and 2**, David provides 5 reasons to praise God. This call is not confined to our prayers only. Our praise and adoration must be expressed to our descendants and to others. As we study and meditate upon this Psalm, pray that we will be faithful to speak of our awe and wonder of our great, powerful and loving heavenly Father.

Read Psalm 145:1-2 Call to Praise God

1. What words and phrases contained in **verses 1 and 2** are most significant to you and why?
2. When you consider your own prayer of adoration and praise of God, how do these two verses challenge your expression of praise and devotion to consistent praise of God?

Read Psalm 145:3-6 Praise of God For His Greatness

3. In **verse 3**, how is God's greatness described?
4. From **verses 4 and 6**, how should the redeemed respond to God's greatness?
5. What are you speaking to your children, grandchildren and others of your adoration and praise of God's greatness and power?

“It is the occupation of every true believer to tell the great doings of their great God. We are not to leave this to common conversation; We are personally to declare what we have seen and known.” *Id.* pg. 1482

Read Psalm 145:7-10 Praise of God For His Goodness

6. How does David express praise for God's goodness in **verses 7-10**?

7. How does **verse 7** encourage and challenge you in your conversations with other believers? How is God praised and worshipped in such conversation?

Read Psalm 145:11-13 Praise of God For His Glorious Kingdom and Dominion

8. In **verses 11-13** how does David describe the Lord's glorious reign and rule?

In **verse 13**, "He adds "*everlasting*"; literally, it is a kingdom of all ages." The Psalms, Allen Ross, pg. 914

9. Practically what is the message from these verses His redeemed people are to communicate to others?

Read Psalm 145:14-16 Praise of God For His Providential Care

10. How is God's providential care, or common grace which is extended to all humanity, described in **verses 14-16**?

11. How does our meditation on these truths turn our worry about unmet needs and lack of provision to worship and praise? What truth is added from **Matthew 6:31-34** and **Philippians 4:6-7**?

Read Psalm 145:17-20 Praise of God For His Saving Grace

12. In verses **17-20a**, we see God's special grace which is extended to His redeemed. In these verses, how are the redeemed described and how does the Lord bless them?

13. How does the Lord treat the unredeemed, the wicked? (For additional explanation, see **2 Thess. 1:8-9, Rev. 20:11-15**)

14. How does that contrast result in praise to God?

Read Psalm 145:21 Concluding Call to Praise God

15. What is David's concluding expression of praise? What is his invitation to others?

16. How has David's expression of praise in this Psalm changed the way you will praise and worship the Lord from today and for all of eternity?