PSALM 145 vs 1

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This is one of the alphabetical Psalms, composed with much art, and without a doubt, so arranged that the memory might be aided. It is **David's Psalm** of Praise just as Psalm 86 is David's Prayer. It is David's favorite, David's very own. It is total praise, and praise pitched in a high key. David thanked God many times in his Psalms, but this he regarded his Crown Jewel of Praise.

Division – The Psalm does not fall into any marked divisions, but is one and indivisible. David praises God for His fame and glory (1-7); for His goodness (8-10); for His kingdom (11-13); for His providence (14-16); and for His saving mercy (17-21) – Charles Spurgeon.



A Psalm of Praise of David,

- ¹I extol You, my God, O King; and kneel to Your name forever and ever.
- ²Every day I kneel to You; and I praise Your name forever and ever / each day, every day in the darkest days, in the brightest days... David says, we are to brag about God.
- ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴One generation to another praises Your works, and declares Your mighty acts / God who created heaven and earth, and it was good; Paul lets us know: we are His works, created in Christ Jesus to work His good works - Ephesians 2,
- ⁵ I speak of the glorious honor of Your majesty, and of Your wondrous works.
- ⁶And men speak of the might of Your awesome acts: and I declare Your greatness.
- ⁷They abundantly utter the memory of Your great goodness, and **sing of Your rightness** / He is the King of kings; to extol is to set pre-eminently on high; to exalt above all others; it is letting others know our high opinion of a person – Philip Bennet Power, 1862.

He is so great, that until Christ revealed the Father, He was lost in His own infinity to the perception of men; of His greatness there is no end; each generation catches the strains from the last and passes it along to the next. One generation declares what it has seen, and passes on the praise to the generation which has not yet seen the wonders celebrated – Simon de Muis, 1587-1644.

Boiling and bubbling-up like a fountain; Open your mouths, let the praise pour forth. Do not stop the joyful speakers, let them go on forever. They do not exaggerate, they cannot. You say they are enthusiastic, Go on brothers and sisters say something greater and grander. You cannot exceed the truth! - Charles Spurgeon.



- 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- ⁹The LORD is good to all: and His compassion covers all His works.
- ¹⁰ All Your works praise You O LORD, and Your goodsense ones kneel to You we are His works we are His goodsense ones
- ¹¹They speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,
- ¹²to make known to the sons of Adam Your mighty acts, and glorious majesty of Your kingdom. / to understand a little of His power, check out: The Privileged Planet; as for that glorious kingdom and its centerpiece: Jesus Christ, He is the glory of God; King David was already excited about what was coming; 1000 years later John in awe said: we beheld His glory, the only Son of God full of grace and truth - John 1;
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.
- 14 The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon You; and You give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open Your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
- ¹⁹He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

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²⁰ The LORD guards all those who love Him:

but all the evil wrongdoers He will destroy.

²¹ The praise of the LORD, my mouth speaks: let all flesh kneel to His holy name forever and ever.

The Praise of David. Psalms are the praises of God accompanied with song; Psalms are songs containing the praise of God. If there is praise, but not of God, it is not a Psalm. If there is praise of God, but not sung, it is not a Psalm. To be a Psalm there are three things – praise, God's praise and joyful song – Augustine, 353-429.

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