

Psalm 145: Praise.

David praised the Lord for His mighty acts which are told from one generation to another, for His gracious provision of an everlasting kingdom, and for the manner in which He responds to those who love Him.

1-7 - David vowed to **praise** the Lord His King and His **name** (His revealed attributes) **every day** because He is great. The greatness of the LORD is unfathomable; **no one** has plumbed its depths.

David told how great God's **acts** have been, which will be declared from generation to generation. Believers tell of the splendor of His **majesty...speak** of His works... **meditate on them, sing** of them, and celebrate them and His **goodness**.

8-16 - David then wrote of the marvelous nature of God, affirming that He **is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and full of loyal love**. Because God **is good** and compassionate to all, all His works and His **saints** praise Him.

From generation to generation people will tell of God's kingdom...**might...mighty acts**, and how His **kingdom...endures through all generations**.

David then instructed the congregation on the Lord's grace and mercy to man. He is faithful to all **His promises**, He uplifts **those who** fall, He provides food for all, and He satisfies their **desires**. These are the characteristics of the One whose dominion is everlasting, which is why He is called faithful.

17-21 - David extolled the LORD for being righteous and **loving**. Therefore God answers the prayers of the needy - those **who fear Him and love Him - when** they call to Him. Therefore all should **praise His...name**. Once again God's greatness and grace are reasons for praise.

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1-4 - The Psalmist vowed to **praise the LORD** all his life.

5-6. In contrast with the warning not to trust in man, the psalmist **blessed** anyone who trusts in the sovereign LORD...God, his help and hope. This One, he explained, is **the Maker of heaven and earth**; because He is the LORD of Creation He **remains faithful**.

7-10 - The idea of God's faithfulness suggested to the psalmist many ways in which the Lord is gracious and righteous to people. He helps **the oppressed...gives food to the** hungry, releases **prisoners...gives sight to...blind** people, raises up the defeated, **loves the righteous**, protects the sojourner, and leads the orphan and widow to security. But, because He is just, He also leads **the wicked** away into frustration. The psalmist concluded that **the LORD reigns forever**. As the eternal Ruler, He is sovereign, gracious, and just. So He merits the closing **Praise the LORD**.

Psalm 147: Praise

1-6 - The psalmist stated **how good it is to...**praise the One who is most praiseworthy. It is pleasant **and fitting**.

In His grace the LORD built **up Jerusalem** again after the Exile. This rebuilding shows that He is the God who **heals the brokenhearted**. Those who repent and turn to Him are healed and restored.

4-6. God's greatness is seen in His sustaining power in the universe He created. He knows **each** of the myriads of **stars**. Yet the One who has so much power and understanding **sustains the humble** in the face of opposition.

7-11 - In a second cycle of praise, the psalmist told everyone to praise God musically. He should be praised because of His greatness in Creation. With **rain and food** He sustains plant and animal life. God should be praised because even though He is so great, He **delights** not in the mighty but in anyone who trusts Him. This is more evidence of His grace.

12-20 -.In a third round of praise the psalmist called on Jerusalem to praise the One who gave them security, peace, and **the finest of wheat**, all further evidences of His grace.

In His greatness **His word** operates in **the earth** and by **His word** He controls nature, including sending **snow...frost....hailicy** winds, and breezes. The greatest display of grace from this great and powerful God **to Israel**, however, was that He gave **His Word**, His revelation, to her and to **no other nation**.

So the writer summoned praise for the gracious and great Lord of Creation who heals and reveals. The psalm closes with **Praise the LORD**.