



6 Reasons To Praise God

Text: Psalm 145:1-21

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- 1 *I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.*
- 2 *Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.*
- 3 *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.*
- 4 *One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*
- 5 *I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.*
- 6 *And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.*
- 7 *They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.*
- 8 *The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.*
- 9 *The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.*
- 10 *All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.*
- 11 *They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;*
- 12 *To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.*
- 13 *Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.*
- 14 *The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.*
- 15 *The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.*
- 16 *Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*
- 17 *The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.*
- 18 *The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*
- 19 *He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.*
- 20 *The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.*
- 21 *My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS

1. In this Psalm, we see David giving praise to God, and expressing to us that even when things around us may seem hopeless, we can praise God for who He is!

2. Take note of the title of this particular Psalm: “David’s Psalm of Praise.”
 - a. It’s David’s very own.
 - b. It is David’s favorite song to sing!
 - c. This is David’s Praise, just as Psalm 86 is David’s prayer.
- (1) It is altogether praise, and praise that is pitched in a high key.
- (2) David had blessed God many times with other psalms (or songs), but this one he regarded as his peculiar – his crown jewel of godly praise.
3. Notice the time of the Psalm:
 - a. It is a rather mixed time in David’s life.
 - b. It is a mixture of:
 - (1) Trial, of...
 - (2) Trust, and of...
 - (3) Triumph.
4. Finally, notice the Testimony of the Psalm:
 - a. David praises God for His fame (or for His greatness) in verses 1-6.
 - b. He praises God for His goodness in verses 7-10.
 - c. David praises God for His glory in verses 11-13.
 - d. He praises God for His government in verses 14-17.
 - e. He praises God for his saving grace in verses 18-21.
5. With that in mind, let us consider the Psalm.

II. BODY

A. DAVID PRAISES GOD FOR HIS GREATNESS

1. It is well when the Lord’s royalty arouses our loyalty, and our spirit is moved to magnify His majesty.
 - a. The Psalmist has extolled the Lord many times before, he is doing so still, and he will do so in the future.
 - b. This is praise for ALL TENSES!
 - (1) We should praise God for what He has done.
 - (2) We should praise God for what He is doing.
 - (3) We should praise God for what He will do!
- (a) C. H. Spurgeon once said, *“When we cannot express all our praise just now, it is wise to register our resolution to continue in the blessed work, and write it down as a bind, ‘I will extol thee.’”*
2. We will never truly praise God from the heart until we praise Him, not necessarily for what He HAS, or even what He IS, or even what He will DO for us (although it is appropriate to praise Him for those reasons...
 - a. But when we praise Him for WHO HE IS, no matter what is going on in life – then we are truly praising Him.
 - (1) In fact, at that point, praise has turned into pure worship!
3. In verses 1 and 2, we see that David desired to praise the name of the Lord “for ever and ever.”

a. And in verses 3 through 6 we see WHY David wanted to praise Him:

(1) He wanted to praise Him for His PERSON – for Who He is (verse 3).

(a) “Great is the LORD.”

(b) Who is He? He is the Lord, and He is great!

(2) He wanted to praise Him for His POWER (verse 4).

(a) He praised Him for what He had done...

(b) David praised God for what He was doing...

(c) He praised Him for what He would do.

(3) David wanted to praise God for His PROVISION (verse 5).

(4) He wanted to praise Him for His PERCEPTION (verse 6).

(a) David praised God for giving us the precepts and commands for the regulation of moral conduct.

4. The **third reason** David praised God was...

B. DAVID PRAISED GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS

1. Spurgeon wrote of the saints of God: “They shall pour forth grateful memories even as springs gush with water, plenteously, spontaneously, constantly, joyously.”

a. The Lord’s redeemed people, having been filled with His Spirit – His great goodness – will retain the memory of that experience and they will tell of it often to any who will listen!

(1) A truly Holy Ghost-filled man or woman cannot be content to contain this joy within – it is something that must be shared with others!

2. Any person who has experienced the goodness of God will not be able to keep it inside forever!

a. If you’ve been filled with God’s Spirit, you will testify of His moral goodness, just like David said we would do in verse 7 of our text.

(1) You will testify of His merciful goodness (verse 8).

(2) You will testify of His manifold goodness (verse 9).

(3) You will testify of His meaningful goodness (verse 10).

(a) There is something about the power of the Holy Ghost, and when you’ve received it, you will testify about it!

3. All of God’s works shall be praised, and the saints of God shall bless Him (verse 10).

4. **Fourth...**

C. DAVID PRAISED GOD FOR HIS GLORY

1. Those who bless God from their hearts, rejoice to see Him enthroned, glorified, and magnified in power.

a. No subject is more profitable for humility, obedience, hope and joy than that of the reigning power of the Lord our God.

(1) His works praise Him, but they cannot crown Him.

(2) This remains for holy hands and holy hearts.

2. Consider the Might of His Kingdom (verses 11-12a):

a. *“They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts...”*

(1) When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you love to speak of the glory of His kingdom...

(a) You gladly make known to the sons of man His mighty acts!

3. A heart that is filled with God’s Spirit gladly praises Him for the glory and Majesty of His kingdom (verses 12b-13).

a. You understand that the majesty of God’s kingdom will endure through all generations.

4. The fifth reason David praised God is...

D. DAVID PRAISED GOD FOR HIS GOVERNMENT

1. God reigns in glorious majesty, yet He willingly condescends to lift up and hold up those who are apt to fall!

a. **Psalm 145:14** – *The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.*

(1) The form of the verb shows that God is always doing this.

(2) He is “**Jehovah Upholding!**”

2. We should take special notice of how the fallen and the falling are special subjects of God’s gracious help.

a. Listen to Pastor:

(1) God is in the business of helping those who cannot possibly help themselves!

3. God’s government is based on true kindness.

a. He is impartial...

(1) He upholds ALL that fall;

(2) He raises up ALL that be bowed down.

b. He is in-powering (v. 1 6).

(1) God opens His hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

4. His government is based on true Kingship (verse 17).

a. He is righteous in ALL His ways.

b. He is holy in ALL His works.

5. Finally, **the SIXTH reason** to praise God...

III. CLOSE

A. DAVID PRAISED GOD FOR HIS GRACE

1. Not only is God near us by the fact of His omnipresence; but He is near us to sympathize with us and to favor us!

2. God does not leave praying men and women who call on His name to battle with the world or the forces of evil on their own.

a. He is always by their side!

(1) He is always by MY side!

(2) He is always by YOUR side!

3. “ALL” who place themselves beneath the shield of His glorious name by calling themselves by that Name

shall find Him to be a very present help in time of trouble!

a. *“To all that call upon Him in truth,”* David said in verse 18.

(1) Ultimately, if you will place yourself beneath the shield of His name (and this is done when you are BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins, and continued through prayer)...if you will place yourself beneath the shield of His name, you will find that His grace is sufficient!

(2) No matter what trouble may come your way, all you have to do is call upon the name of Jesus Christ, and He is ready with His grace!

4. God’s grace is received when we “call upon Him in truth,” (verse 18).

a. Only from those who are wicked will God’s grace be revoked.

B. SIX REASONS TO PRAISE GOD:

1. Praise God for Who He is!

2. Praise God for His greatness!

3. Praise God for His goodness!

4. Praise God for His glory!

5. Praise God for His government!

6. Praise God for His Grace!

7. **Psalm 145:21** – *My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.*

a. Praise Him because...

(1) **He is God!**

(2) **He is King!**

(3) **He is Great!**

(4) **He is Gracious!**

(5) **He is full of compassion!**

(6) **He is slow to anger!**

(7) **He is great in mercy!**

(8) **He is good to all!**

(9) **He is tender and merciful to all creation!**

(10) **He is righteous in all His ways!**

(11) **He is holy in all His works!**

(12) **He is near to all who pray in truth.**