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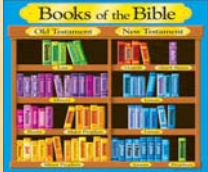
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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ [All Scripture](#) is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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PSALM 145 is:
 • *an acrostic psalm*

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PSALM 145 - WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

PSALM 145 is:
 • *a psalm of David*

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PSALM 145 - WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

PSALM 145 is:

- a pure praise Psalm

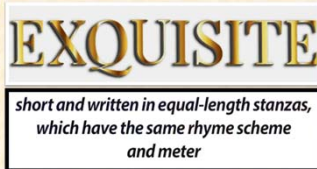


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PSALM 145 - WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

PSALM 145 is:

- the exquisite Psalm
- the magnificent ode of praise



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PSALM 145 - WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

PSALM 145 is:

- the crown jewel of praise



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PSALM 145 - WHY WE SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD

We should praise the Lord:

- *because of His greatness! (vv. 1-3)*



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PSALM 145 - WHY WE SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD

We should praise the Lord:

- *because of His unceasing goodness! (vv. 4-10)*



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We should praise the Lord:

- *because of His universal government! (vv. 11-13)*



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PSALM 145 - WHY WE SHOULD PRAISE THE LORD

We should praise the Lord:

- *because of His undeserved grace! (vv. 14-17)*



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Psalm 145:1-21 (NKJV)
A Psalm of Praise, of David.


¹ I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.



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A. WE SHOULD PRAISE BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS! (VV. 1-3)

- The expression of worship to God includes extolling, blessing, and praising God.



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Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)
"But God forbid that I should boast (KJV glory) except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world was crucified to me and I to it."



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A. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS! (VV. 1-3)

- in v. 4, we are told that we should 'declare' truth about the Lord;
- in v. 5, that we should 'meditate' upon his character;
- in v. 6, that we should 'speak' or 'declare' things about him;
- in v.7, that we should 'utter' or 'sing' truth about him and to him;
- in v. 12, that we should 'make known' his character and his goodness to others around us;
- in v. 18 that we should 'call upon Him';
- in v. 19, that we should 'fear him'; and
- in v. 20, that we should 'love him'.

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A. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS! (VV. 1-3)

- Why should our worship be daily and eternal?



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Ephesians 3:8 (NKJV)
⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,



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A. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS! (VV. 1-3)


- The cause for genuine worship is God's GREATNESS (v. 3)



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A. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS GREATNESS! (VV. 1-3)

- What hinders or enhances praise to God?



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Psalm 34:1-2


¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall* continually be in my mouth. ² My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice.



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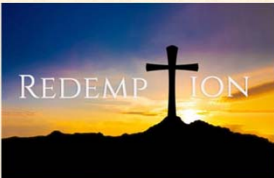
⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. ⁶ Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.



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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS (vv. 4-10)

- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His WORKS! (vv. 4-6)

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⁷ They (men) shall utter the memory of Your great **goodness**, And shall sing of Your **righteousness**. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of **compassion**, **Slow to anger** and great in **mercy**. ⁹ The LORD is **good** to all (cf. Luke 6:35), And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.




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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS
(VV. 4-10)

- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His great **GOODNESS!** (vv. 7, 9)



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⁷ **They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.** ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.




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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS
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- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His great RIGHTOUSNESS! (vv. 7)



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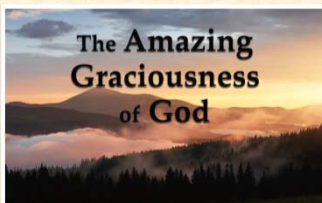
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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS
(VV. 4-10)

- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His great GRACIOUSNESS of God! (v. 8)



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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS (VV. 4-10)

- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because He is FULL OF COMPASSION! (v. 8)



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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS
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- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His great **FOREBEARANCE** of God! (v. 8)



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B. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNCEASING GOODNESS
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- In terms of God's character, He is worthy to be praised because of His great **MERCY** of God! (v. 8)




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SO, WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE THE LORD?

We should praise the Lord:

- because of His greatness! (vv. 1-3)
- because of His unceasing goodness! (vv. 4-10), and...






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¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,
¹² To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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C. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT
(VV. 11-13)

- As members of Christ's Body, the Church, we are also within the sphere of God's UNIVERSAL KINGDOM.



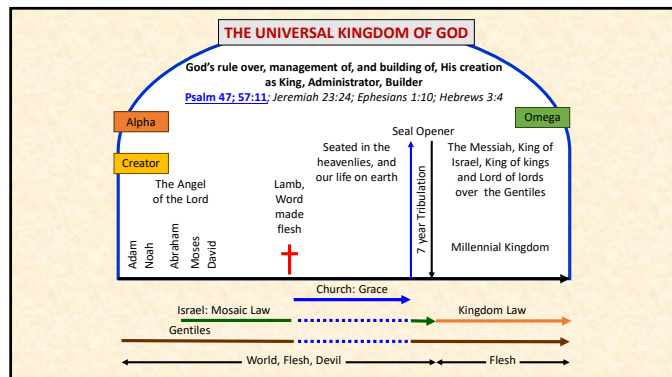
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C. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT
(VV. 11-13)

- The word of God distinguishes between God's UNIVERSAL KINGDOM (cf. Ps. 103:19; Dan. 4:17) and his MEDIATORIAL or PHYSICAL KINGDOM (cf. Matt. 6:10; 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 12:28).



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ALVA MCCLAIN

(Alva McClain, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*).

McClain defines the **MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM** as:

- a) the rule of God through a **divinely chosen representative** who not only speaks and acts for God but also represents the people before God;
- b) a rule which has **special reference to the earth**; and
- c) having as its mediatorial ruler one who is always **a member of the human race**”

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C. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT
(VV. 11-13)

- Biblically speaking, Israel as a theocracy had King-Representatives for God like David, who also oversaw a mediatorial kingdom in the past.



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C. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNIVERSAL GOVERNMENT
(VV. 11-13)

How should we respond to these truths?

- *We should trust the Lord and meditate on these truths!*



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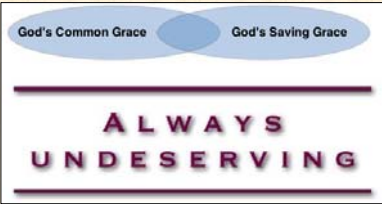
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. ¹⁶ You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.



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D. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNDESERVED GRACE!
 (VV. 14-17)

- We see God's graciousness reflected specifically in His **PROVIDENTIAL CARE** for his creation.



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D. WE SHOULD PTL BECAUSE OF HIS UNDESERVED GRACE!
(VV. 18-20)

- God's grace is also seen by His DELIVERING and PRESERVING us (vv.18-20).

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1 John 1:9 (NKJV)
 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (cf. Ps. 32:5; Jam. 4:3)

Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV)
 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

Psalm 66:18 (NKJV)
 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.



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- Do we deserve any of this? Absolutely not! It's all by **GRACE!**



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***GREATNESS, *UNCEASING GOODNESS, *UNIVERSAL
GOVERNMENT, & *UNDESERVED GRACE!**

How should we respond to these truths?

- *We should...*



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