

Psalm 145

Most of the Psalms are prayers of the Psalmist, in this case King David, and most of these prayers include praise to the Triune God.

Praise expresses admiration, appreciation and thanks directed to the Creator God and often is shared with others in a song of worship.

This praise considers all that He has done and does for us, but also for who He is, the loving, just, faithful, forgiving, merciful and patient God.

Praising God in this way is great encouragement for ourselves and all others with whom we share our praise and prayer towards our Creator God.

James 5:13-18 [New King James] *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”*

James, the brother of Jesus Christ and leader of the Church in Jerusalem, was inspired by God as to how extensive our private and community prayers should be.

Colossians 4:2-3 [New King James] *“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,”*

Pray also that God’s will, His plan for humanity, will be preached to all humanity.

Philippians 4:6-7 [New King James] *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

Through such prayers of thanksgiving we can receive peace of mind, [Ephesians 5:20].

The theme of Psalm 145 is that a time will come when all people will join together to recognise and worship the One and only true Creator God.

Because God is full of love and mercy and satisfies all who trust in Him, both physically and spiritually.

Psalms 145:1-12 [New King James] *“I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.”*

A great outburst of praise and thanks to a mighty, loving and merciful God.

Psalms 145:13 [New King James] *“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”*

The Kingdom [extended family] of God, made up eventually of all His created children who have taken on His “likeness” [character] will be an eternal family.

This is a promise that God has made [**Genesis 1:26-27**] and will faithfully fulfil.

This is the “Kingdom” that Jesus Christ mentioned in His guideline to our prayers, second only in our prayers to praising God the Father for who He is, [Matthew 6:9-13].

Note the prayer started and ended with the coming in full to all humanity the Kingdom of God.

Psalms 145:14-16 [New King James] *“The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.”*

The Creator God will provide all the needs, physical and spiritual, of all who “bowed down,” the Hebrew “kâphaph” indicates a physical, humble attitude of prayer before the Creator God.

Psalms 145:17-20 [New King James] *“The LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works. The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.”*

The Psalmist then thanks and praises God for His perfect merciful justice towards all who fear Him and know His Word the truth, [John 17:17].

Psalms 145:21 [New King James] *“My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.”*

The Psalmist ends this prayer of praise with a personal dedication to let all people come to know the wonderful Creator God that he worships.