

PRAYING PSALM 145

"I will extol You, my God, O King..." (Psalm 145:1).

This is the last of David's seventy-three psalms. Here he exalts the King of eternity. 1. GOD'S GREATNESS (1-6). "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." His greatness is unsearchable. His greatness is mighty. His greatness is awesome. His greatness is majestic. 2. GOD'S GOODNESS (7-10). He is gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, and great in mercy. The Lord is good to everyone. 3. GOD'S GLORY (11-13). They shall speak of the glory and majesty of Your kingdom. 4. GOD'S GRACE (14-21). The Lord upholds those who fall. The Lord is near all who call upon Him in truth. The Lord will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him. The Lord preserves all who love Him.

The psalm ends with, "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord." When you are not sure how to pray, begin with God's greatness and move to His grace. Your God grants grace to sinful men. There is enough in this psalm to keep you praising for a long time. When you get finished and you aren't sure what to next, praise Him some more. You will be joining the angels above and the saints everywhere when you praise your King. Your praise gives voice to the animals and breath to the stars. God is always praiseworthy. That is why Heaven is always praising. The wonders of heaven and the mysteries of earth are constant reminders of the greatness of your King. My favorite way to praise King Jesus is to sing along with the Brooklyn Table choir. If that isn't for you, just listen to them sing Psalm 34. The Bible describes praise as incense bringing pleasure to our Heavenly King. "To you my King, I offer the fruit of my lips and the incense of my praise." Just think about everything you want to praise Jesus for, and release the incense.