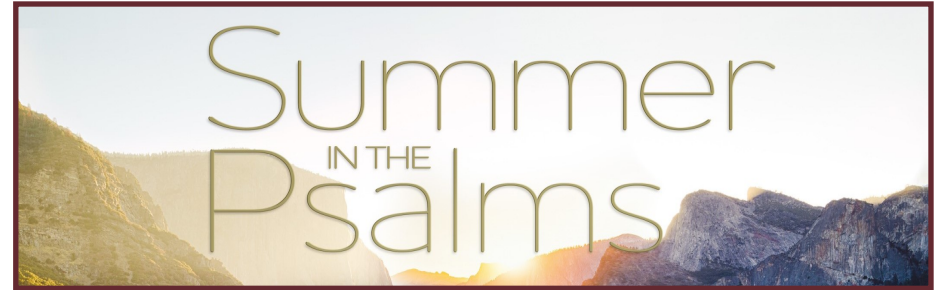


Reflection Questions: Do I truly know God as He's revealed Himself in Scripture? How can I get to know Him more? Do I regularly speak the praises of the Lord? What will I determine to do to praise Him more? What am I extolling God for right now? To whom am I praising God's works to today?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Psalm 145

Sermon
Notes

September 25, 2022

Quotes to Ponder

Nothing has a more pernicious effect on character than low thoughts of God. Unless we have great thoughts of God, our thoughts of sin will be low, our sense of obligation feeble, and our praises dull.

William Plumer

The fear of God and the love of God are inseparable. Fear preserves love from degenerating into presumptuous familiarity; love prevents fear from becoming a dread of God as only Judge and Lord.

George Angus Fulton Knight

Praising and practicing the greatness of God should be the primary passion of God's people all day, every day.

Steven J. Lawson

Praise is the rehearsal of our eternal song.

Men come and go like shadows on the wall, but God reigneth eternally. We distinguish kings as they succeed each other by calling them first and second; but this King is Jehovah, the First and the Last.

Whatever others may do, I will not be silent in the praise of the Lord, whatever others may speak upon, my topic is fixed once for all: I will speak the praise of Jehovah. I am doing it, and I will do it as long as I breathe.

Charles Spurgeon

God is good to all in some ways and to some in all ways.

J.I. Packer

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What does *Psalms 145* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

3. How do you think David knows all these things about who God is and what He does?

4. According to *Psalms 145:1-2*, what is David's intent and desire to do? How often does he plan to do this?

5. What method is used to spread the fame of God's goodness and greatness (*Psalms 145:4-7*)? Why is this important?

6. Read the description of God in *Psalms 145:8* and *Exodus 34:6-7*. Why do you think this is the most repeated verse in the Old Testament (*Numbers 14:17-19; Psalms 86:15; 103:8; 111:4; 112:4; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Nahum 1:2-3; etc.*)?

7. *Psalms 145:9* says *the Lord is good to all*. What does this mean?

8. Are *Psalms 145:9* and *20* contradictory? Explain.

9. What are some specific ways that God shows His compassionate, loyal love in *Psalms 145:14-16*?

10. What two characteristics does God hold in balance according to *Psalms 145:17*? How does this help explain the supposed contradiction in *verses 9* and *20*?

11. What two conditions must you fulfill to experience the nearness of God in *Psalms 145:18*. What do these things mean?

12. Read *Psalms 145:19*. What does this verse mean?

Why is the fear of God not opposed to loving Him?

13. What words does David use in *Psalms 145* for praising God? Do they have different meanings?

14. How will *all flesh ... bless His holy name forever and ever* (*Psalms 145:21*)? When will this happen?

15. Why is it important that we bless, praise, declare, meditate, speak, tell, utter, shout, give thanks, talk, and make known the greatness of God?