

BLESS GOD!

Psalm 145

We honor God by proclaiming His qualities.

I. A PROGRAM FOR PRAISE (1-7)

- The godly who praise ...

A. PERSONAL RESOLVE (1-3)

1. My Commitment (1-2)

a. Intentional: The verbs indicate effort

1) I will extol, bless and praise

2) Example: The Magi, King-Makers, bowing before the Christ child - Matt. 2:1-2,11

b. Continual

2. My Focus (1-2)

a. On the nature of God: My God and the one I call King (1)

b. On the name of God: His character (1-2)

3. My Assessment (3)

a. Announcing His importance: "Great" is not what He does but who He is

b. God's greatness can be praised but never fully discovered - Psalm 147:3-5

- Appreciate the marvel of mystery! (see Romans 11:33)

B. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (4-7)

- A praise team!

1. They shall

a. Repeat (4) > Telling God's works from one generation to another - See Deut. 4:9

b. Communicate (6) > Speaking of God's awesome acts

c. Celebrate (7) - Note Psalm 149:1-2

2. I will ...

a. Contemplate my responsibility (5)

b. Contribute my report (6)

II. THE GOD WE PRAISE (8-21)

A. HE IS KIND (8-9) > Look at His character

1. Gracious: To those who serve Him

2. Merciful: To those who need Him

3. Patient: Toward those who offend Him

4. Loving: Toward those who seek Him

5. Good: Pleasant toward all who encounter Him

6. Concerned: Warmly embracing all

Over please >

B. HE IS IN CONTROL (10-13) > Look at His kingdom

1. His Kingdom Declared (10-12) - Psalm 149:1-4
 - a. By His works (10a) - Exp: A painters art testifies of the artist's abilities
 - b. And the saints (10b-12) – They shall bless (10b) speak (11a) talk (11b) and make known (12a)
2. The Kingdom Details
 - a. The glory of the kingdom (11)
 - b. The majesty of His kingdom (12)
 - c. The endurance of His kingdom (13)

C. HE IS CARING (14-20) > Look at His Conduct

- He cares for the needy - Psalm 146:5-9a
1. He Lifts (14)
 2. He Satisfies (15-16)
 3. He Favors (17-19)
 4. He Protects (20)

CONCLUSION:

**We honor God when we personally and corporately proclaim His character,
His kingdom and His conduct**

Note verse 21

1. I will declare is praise
 - Consider who you can tell and what you can say about God this week
2. And desire the company of all flesh to join me
 - See Psalm 147:1