



Praise God in Everything

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TODAY'S READING: Psalm 145

It is easiest to divide Psalm 145 into five sections:

1. Praising God daily (1-2): "Extol" means to praise God with enthusiasm. We are enthusiastic about many things (sports, entertainment...), but are we enthusiastic about glorifying God? We should praise God every day as each day is a gift we do not deserve.
2. Praising God generationally (3-7): I have heard it said that every church is one generation away from extinction. One thing I love about our church is that we put so many resources into reaching the next generations. Churches should prioritize reaching kids and students with the gospel, and parents should be discipling their kids.
3. Praising God among the nations (8-13): The glory of God's spiritual kingdom must be proclaimed to the kingdoms of the earth! Our God is gracious and merciful. He gives us gifts we do not deserve and He withholds wrath that we do deserve. We are commanded to make the gospel known to "the children of man" in verse 12. I love being Southern Baptist because all the churches in our denomination partner to do missions.
4. Praising God as provider (14-16): We are so blessed that God not only saves us, but that He meets our daily needs. Earthly things can satisfy us temporarily, but God gives us everlasting satisfaction.
5. Praising God through prayer (17-21): When God answers our prayers, we should thank Him! God not only hears our cries but also loves to meet our needs. The wicked have no one to thank for what they receive in life.

PRAYER: God, I praise You because You are merciful and gracious to me. Thank You for being slow to anger and showing me Your steadfast love. Use me to tell the younger generation and the nations of Your goodness.

TOMORROW'S READING: Psalm 150

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