

PSALM 145

DAVID'S FINAL WORDS

Introducing Psalm 145

- ▶ **Jewish rabbi: reciting this psalm 3x each day guarantees entry into the world to come.**
 - Read 3x in the Jewish daily liturgy.
- ▶ **Final psalm attributed to David and last alphabetic (acrostic) psalm.**
 - 14th letter (*nun*) missing.
 - Some ancient versions include a verse.
 - Several English versions insert that verse.

Psalm 145:13b

The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

O SENHOR é fiel em todas as suas palavras e santo em todas as suas obras.

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**“The psalm offers
praise from **A** to **Z**
to God described
from **A** to **Z**.”**

— John Goldingay



Introducing Psalm 145

- ▶ Lord's Prayer echoes Psalm 145's themes.
- ▶ Psalm 145: introduction to the *Final Hallel* (Pss 146–150).
 - “Praise” [**Louvores**] only here in a psalm heading.
 - Jews refer to the Psalter as “Praises” (*T^ehillim*).
 - Jewish commentators refer to Psalms 145–150 as “The Everyday Hallel.”

Praying Psalm 145

- ▶ Lord, teach me to give you praise as my King. [v. 1]
- ▶ Lead me to find ways to praise you every day. [v. 2]
- ▶ Help me model praise for my children and grand-children. [v. 4]
- ▶ Father, thank You for being gracious and merciful, slow to anger and steadfastly loyal. [v. 8]
- ▶ O God, preserve me, for I love You. [v. 20]



Understanding Psalm 145

- I. The Psalmist Devotes Himself to Praise (vv. 1–3)**
- II. The People Devote Themselves to Praise (vv. 4–9)**
- III. The Creation Devotes Itself to Praise (vv. 10–20)**
- IV. The Psalmist Devotes Himself to Praise (v. 21)**



Understanding Psalm 145

v. 1 “O King”: **rei meu**

- ▶ The LORD’s sovereignty provides the initial reason for offering Him our praise.
- ▶ *Why does God’s kingship form a basis for our praise and worship?*

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v. 2 “Every day [**Cada dia**] . . . forever and ever [**para sempre**]”

- ▶ Daily praise throughout all time marks biblical worship.

1 Thessalonians 5

17 Orai sem cessar.

18 Em tudo dai graças,
porque esta é a vontade de Deus em
Cristo Jesus para convosco.

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v. 3 “Great [**Grande**] . . . greatness
[**grandeza**]”

- ▶ The magnitude of God’s person and of His works determines the magnitude of His greatness.
- ▶ *What divine deeds define God’s greatness?*

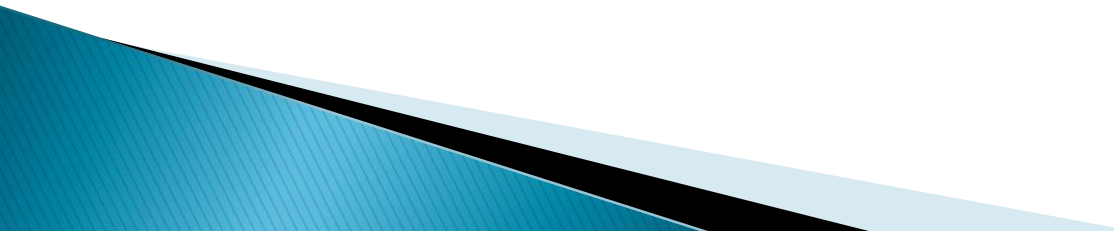
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v. 4 “One generation [**Uma geração**] . . .
to another [**à outra geração**]”

- ▶ Passing praise from one generation to another presents our only opportunity to perpetuate daily and continuous praise to God.
- ▶ *What can we do to pass praise on to future generations?*

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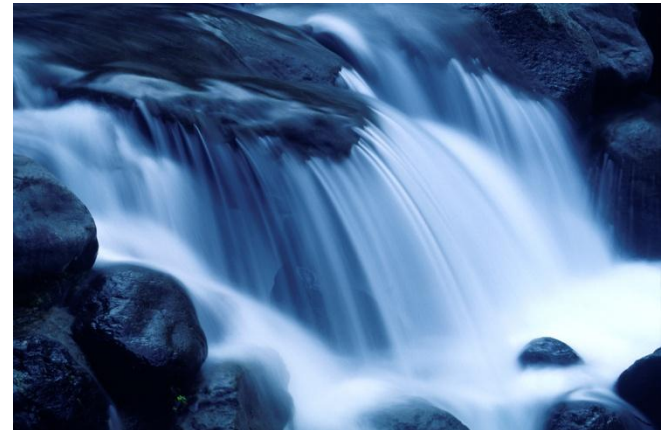
v. 5 “I will meditate”: **Falarei**

- ▶ Either loud, enthusiastic, and emotionally laden speech or quiet contemplation or meditation.
 - ▶ With “I will tell” (v. 6) reveals David’s role in passing praise to the next generation.
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**v. 7 “eagerly utter”:
Proferirão abundantemente**

- ▶ Depicts gushing speech, like water pouring forth from a spring.
- ▶ Their praise is spontaneous, abundant, and continuous.



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v. 8 Compare Exodus 34:6.

- ▶ Psalmists and prophets quote this text over and over again.
- ▶ Frequency of citation demonstrates significance.

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v. 10 “And Your godly ones shall bless You”: **e os teus santos te bendirão**

- ▶ Focal point of psalm.
- ▶ Echoes phraseology of verses 1 and 21, that bracket the psalm.

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v. 10 “And Your godly ones shall bless You”: **e os teus santos te bendirão**

▶ Note the progression:

- “**I** will bless your name forever and ever” (v. 1)
- “**Your godly ones** shall bless You” (v. 10)
- “**all flesh** will bless His holy name forever and ever” (v. 21)

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v. 11 “Your kingdom”: **teu reino**

- ▶ Psalm opened with reference to God as “the King” (v. 1).
- ▶ Verses 11–13 repeatedly refer to His kingdom or dominion.
- ▶ The LORD’s kingdom refers to His universal and continuous reign over all creation.

God never
loses control
over His creation.



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vv. 14–20 God the Provider

- ▶ **Series of actions characteristic of the LORD:**
 - 1. God helps the inadequate (v. 14).**
 - 2. God gives food to all His creatures (vv. 15–16).**
 - 3. God answers those who pray (vv. 18–19).**
 - 4. God protects those who are His people (v. 20).**

— Derek Kidner

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v. 14 “all”: todos

- ▶ Stress on all-inclusive nature of worship of God:
 - all His deeds,
 - all His attributes,
 - through all time,
 - and throughout all creation.

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v. 14 “all”: todos

- ▶ David commits himself to continuous praise and informs his readers that they, too, must make the same commitment.

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v. 17 “The LORD is righteous [**Justo é o SENHOR**] . . . And kind [**e santo**]”

- ▶ NAU translates “kind” as “godly” in verse 10.
- ▶ Refers to God’s steadfast covenant loyalty—His faithfulness.
- ▶ God is never disloyal.

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vv. 18–20 Who are God’s people?

- ▶ “all who call upon Him” / **todos os que o invocam**—those who pray (v. 18).
- ▶ “those who fear Him” / **que o temem** (v. 19).
- ▶ “all who love Him” / **todos os que o amam** (v. 20).



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vv. 18–20 What does God do for His people?

- ▶ “He is near” / **Perto está**—ready to answer prayer (v. 18).
- ▶ He will fulfill their desire (v. 19a).
- ▶ He will hear and save them (v. 19b).
- ▶ He preserves them (v. 20).

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v. 21 Closing Commitment to Praise

- ▶ David returns to his own personal commitment (cp. vv. 1-2, 5, 6).
- ▶ David returns to the same word for “praise” as in the psalm heading.
- ▶ David closes with a global and timeless declaration (see comment on v. 10).
- ▶ Compare Psalm 150:6.

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9 Our Father who is in
heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

1 . . . my God, O King,

And I will bless Your
name . . .

11 They shall speak of
the glory of Your
kingdom

13 And Your dominion
endures throughout
all generations.

Matthew 6:9–14

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On earth as it is in
heaven.

11 Give us this day our
daily bread.

12 And forgive us our
debts,

21 All flesh will bless His
holy name forever and
ever.

16 You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire
of every living thing.

8 The LORD is gracious
and merciful;
Slow to anger and
great in lovingkindness.

Matthew 6:9-14

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as we also have
forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not lead us
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

14 For Yours is the
kingdom and the
power
and the glory forever.
Amen!

20 The LORD keeps all
who love Him,
But all the wicked He
will destroy.

13 Your kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom,

11 They shall speak of
the glory of Your
kingdom

And talk of Your
power.

Matthew 6:9-14

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Preaching/Teaching Psalm 145

- ▶ We measure God's greatness by who He is and what He has done.
 - ▶ We become aware of God's goodness when we experience His mercy.
 - ▶ We serve God best by modeling praise for Him every day.
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