

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

Scripture: Psalms 145:1-21

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Introduction:

- A. This is identified as a Psalm of praise written by David
- B. This is a good title since the word praise and many of its synonyms constitute the KEY word of the psalm ... praise--extol--bless--.

- C. It seems to me that no other Bible character had so wide and varied a life-long experience with God and His creation.

David was a shepherd boy who spent his time out in God's creation and found God always present to help in time of need.

He was a boy-warrior who faced the giant in the strength of the Lord God.

He spent time in the palace of the king where he was praised and ridiculed and forced to evade many attempts on his life.

His experience sent him forth to face untold numbers of the enemy and brought him back to the cheers of the women ... Saul killed his 1000s and David his 10,000s

He won the hand of the King's daughter by killing 200 P.

David was forced to flee for his life and live like some wild animal while being stalked by the king and his army.

His experiences saw him seek safety in the land of his enemy where he feigned insanity to save his life.

He was forced to deal with the experience of seeing the wife of his youth given to another man.

He was tested with the opportunities to kill the king, but refused to place his hand on God's anointed.

His experiences saw him become king and bring peace.

They saw him restore the Ark of God to its rightful place.

His experiences included a flash of anger toward God and a time of pouting.

It included a time of rejoicing and the ridicule of his favorite wife.

His experiences included a lapse of character in dealing with his lust and an attempt at covering up his sin.

His experiences saw him confess his sin and hear what God's chastisement would be.

His experience saw him deal with the death of his young son---the rape of a daughter by her half brother--the murder of that son by another son.

He also experienced the attempt of his favorite son to kill him and take his throne.

As an old sick king, he was forced to take drastic measures to insure that God's choice as his successor was seated on the throne.

- D. In it all he gave God the credit, recognizing that God was due all the praise for what He had accomplished.
- E. How appropriate is was for David to write the greatest Psalm of Praise.

I. LEARN SOME COMFORTING TRUTHS ABOUT THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF OUR GOD.

- A. vs. 3 and 6 He is great.
- B. v. 4 Think of His works and mighty acts.
- C. v. 5 glorious honor of His majesty.
- D. v. 7 His goodness and righteousness.
- E. v. 8 gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, of great mercy.
- F. v. 9 God is good to all, tender mercies over all his works
- G. v. 11 a kingdom of glory and power.
- H. vs. 12, 13 a glorious and majestic kingdom that is everlasting and endures throughout all generations.
- I. v. 14 He upholds all who fall and raises up those bowed down.
- J. vs. 15, 16 Gives all their meat and satisfies desires of all the living.
- K. v. 17 God is righteous and holy in all His ways and works
- L. v. 18 God is near all them that call on Him in truth.
- M. v. 19 He will hear and save all who cry to Him in fear.

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N. v. 20 God preserves all who love Him and will destroy the wicked.

II. LEARN HOW THIS KNOWLEDGE AFFECTS RIGHT THINKING PEOPLE.

A. When people accept the truth about God, they will fear Him and cry out to Him in truth.

B. All who really know God will PRAISE HIM, EXTOL HIM, SPEAK WELL OF HIM, TALK OF HIS POWER, SPEAK OF HIS TERRIBLE ACTS, DECLARE HIS GREATNESS, SPEAK OF THE GLORY OF HIS KINGDOM, THEY WILL SPEAK OF HIS GREAT GOODNESS, SING OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ...

C. v. 4 They will praise God and His works to their children.

D. vs. 1, 2, 21 They shall never cease praising God ... every day for ever and ever.

III. LEARN OF WHAT WE ARE ASSURED BECAUSE OF GOD'S PERSON AND CHARACTER.

A. vs. 18, 19 Those who call on God in truth shall be saved and satisfied.

B. v. 20 Those who are saved shall be preserved.

C. v. 14 He shall uphold all who fall and raise up those who are bowed down.

D. vs. 15, 16 He shall supply the needs of all His creatures.

E. v. 20 He shall destroy all the wicked.

CONCLUSION:

A. What should the message of this Psalm cause people to do:

B. If yet lost, turn to God in truth and be saved.

C. If saved, thank God for all His wonderful works toward us and live our lives for Him.