

# A Cathedral of Praise

## *Psalm 145*

### **A very special psalm**

- ◆ **a praise *tehillah***
- ◆ **the final David psalm**
- ◆ **an acrostic**
- ◆ **its breadth of vision**
  - personal v1; universal v21**
  - present v2; eternal vs 2,13**
  - timeless, all-embracing “all”**
  - creation, redemption v4**
  - praise v1; proclamation v11-12**
- ◆ **its clarity - idealistic vs 15,21**
  - and realistic vs 14,20**

**God's - greatness vs 1-6;**  
**goodness vs 7-10;**  
**glory vs 11-13; grace vs 14-21**

**The King's - character vs 1-10;**  
**kingdom vs 11-13;**  
**kindness vs 14-21**

## 1. OUTPOURING (vs 1-2)

- praise to God

- **three aspects of worship**  
*exalt, praise, extol*
- **three sides of God**  
*my God, the King, your name*
- **three expressions of fervour**  
*I will, every day, forever*

## 2. EXTOLLING (vs 3-10)

- God's virtues

- **God's works – in creation vs4,5,6**  
*wonderful, powerful*
- **God's acts – of redemption vs4,6**  
*mighty, great*
- **God's majesty – of character v5,7-9**  
*abundant goodness, righteous  
gracious, compassionate,  
slow to anger, rich in love*  
*Ex 34.6; John 1.14*  
*available to ALL! vs 9-10*

### 3. PROCLAIMING (vs 11-13)

#### - God's glorious kingdom

- **worship and witness v4**
- **to God's kingly rule vs 11-12**
  - **all must know of it Rom 1.14-16**
  - **everlasting v13; Dan 2.31-35;4.3;**  
**Eph 1.9-10**

### 4. RELYING (vs 13-20) - on the Lord

- **the perfect promise-keeper v13**  
**2 Cor 1.20**
- **universal love v9,13,17**
- ◆ **raises up - the fallen, burdened v14**
- ◆ **satisfies - the hungry vs 15-16**
- ◆ **befriends - callers vs 18-19**
  - sincerity Jas 1.5-7**
  - accuracy John 4.23-24;**  
**Rom 10.13-14**
  - obedience Ps 37.4**
- ◆ **watches over - his people v20;**  
**Ps 139.1-3; 121.3-4,8**
- ◆ **destroys - his opponents v20**