

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**