

PSALM 145

This is the last psalm ascribed to David, and it is throughout a psalm of praise. It is in the form of an acrostic; that is, each successive verse begins with a new letter of the Hebrew alphabet. However, one letter, *Nun*, has either failed to receive consideration or has been inadvertently omitted. The psalm does not fall into any marked divisions, but the following seems to work well. In verses 1-7 David praises Yahweh for his fame or glory, in 8-10 for his goodness, in 11-13 for his kingdom, in 14-16 for his providence, and in 17-21 for his saving mercy.

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

- 1 I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is YAHWEH, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.
- 5 On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will tell of Your greatness.
- 7 They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness
and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

- 8 YAHWEH is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
- 9 YAHWEH is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.
- 10 All Your works shall give thanks to You, O YAHWEH, and Your godly ones shall bless You.

- 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power;
12 to make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts
and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

- 14 YAHWEH sustains all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time.
- 16 You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- 17 YAHWEH is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.
- 18 YAHWEH is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He will also hear their cry and will save them.
- 20 YAHWEH keeps all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak the praise of YAHWEH,
and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

PRAYER

O Yahweh, our God, you are marvelous and worthy to be praised. There is no end to your greatness. Give us enlarged and sanctified hearts and lips that we may sing of your righteousness and declare your wondrous works. We are the work of your hands, created to bring glory to your name. Make us, we pray, holy and righteous in your sight, bringing praise to you in all we do and think. Uphold us, for left on our own we will fall and bring reproach upon our God. We thank you also, Almighty Father, for providing our daily bread. May we be as truly grateful for the bread of life, the Lord Jesus Christ, who washed us from our sins in his own blood. Amen.