

MESSAGE OUTLINE
Summer in the Psalms
1. A People of Praise

June 30, 2024

Psalms 145 (NIV) *A psalm of praise. Of David.*

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

The Church is a people who declares God's praise...

I will praise your name for ever and ever... One generation commends your works to another.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *1 Peter 2:9–10 (NIV)*

1. God's Works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.

The Story and Our Stories: How does your experience personalize your SHAPE?

- What has God done for you?

2. God's Character.

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

- How have you experienced God's character?

3. God's Everlasting Kingdom.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

- How have you experienced God's kingdom?

always and all ways.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Next Steps: Focus your 15 minutes alone with God by journaling on Psalm 145 and reflect on becoming a people of praise. In what ways does the psalmist praise God for who God is and what God has done? What list would you make? *Ideas for journaling.* Day 1: Write out the Psalm in your journal. Day 2: Highlight the qualities of God's character. How have you experienced God's qualities? Where do they show up in your story? Day 3: Highlight the qualities of God's works. How have you experienced God's work in your life? Day 4: Highlight the qualities of God's Kingdom. How can you pay attention to God's dominion—his rule—in your life today? Day 5: Reflect on your experience of praising God alone and with others (ie, song, story-telling, intergenerational relationships).