

David's Last Psalm part 2

Psalm 145:17-20

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INTRO:

We are continuing in David's last Psalm which is **Psalm 145**. My thoughts started with material from 'Behold Your God' by Dr. John Snyder. The question was "What do people think about the God that we worship when they observe how we respond to him in our daily lives?" "Is our message to the world around us that our God is wise, powerful, and worthy of our trust? Do they see that we serve Him with great joy?" My quick answer was, "I know my God is one of grace - love - care and I think I project this in my life." Now as I review my notes I think, "Pretty proud answer. Hope it is true and hope those who "watch me" can see it to be true."

The passage that was used was **Psalm 145:17-20**. We need to remember as we read this that this is a testimony of David, Israel's Greatest King.

- ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.**
- ¹⁸ The Lord 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 also will hear their cry and save them.**
- ^{20a} The Lord preserves all who love Him,**

Before we go through this passage let's "sit with David" as he describes His God. I say to myself, Lord, perhaps all of us should pray. Let us appreciate his description of God that he has followed all his life. Not perfectly - not completely - but pretty consistently all his life. And we pray, "Speak to me today." I wrote my response to what I think describes his conclusion in the famous passage in

Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever."

If that doesn't float your boat nothing will!

Now in our passage **Psalm 145:17-20a** he says;

- 1. "The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works." (v.17)**

2. ***"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth."* (v.18)** This equals Honesty. This is my heart's desire today to sense the nearness of God.
3. ***"He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;"* (v.19a)** Quite a wonderful promise I think.
4. **Verse 19a; *"He also will hear their cry and save them."*** I think of this today as all around the world we go through this difficult and unusual time.
5. ***"The Lord preserves all who love Him,"* (v.20a)** This applies to me and to us today. What a **wonderful** promise. *{ I wish I could think of an even better word than wonderful. }*

My Response

His God is our God! He is Who He says He is! He can and does do what He promises! We have God's record of how He works. That's what we read today. As I think of David and his view of God after all those special times, good and bad, related to Saul and others all these victories, the blessing of being God's King, in the end or in the beginning, his total trust and confidence is in God for time and eternity. That's where we need to be.

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