

**Contemplating the Knowledge of the Glory of God**  
(A Theological Refresher)  
The Nature of God: His Incomparable Greatness  
Psalm 145 - Part 2

**I. The Incomparable Greatness of God Eclipsed.**

A total eclipse - Rom.1:18-23

A partial eclipse – Psa.50:21; Rev.2:4; 3:15-17

“I believe there is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God...so necessary in the church is a lofty concept of God that when that concept in any measure declines, the church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.”

A.W. Tozer The Knowledge of the Holy

**II. The Incomparable Greatness of God Established. Psalm 145:1-3**

Cf. Gen.14:19-22; Job 11:7; Psa.48:1; 95:3,6; 145:3,5; 2 Pet.1:16; Heb.1:3;8:1

**III. The Incomparable Greatness of God and Its Effect. Psalm 145:4-21**

**1. Worship v.3**

**2. Witness vv.4-21**

To God's character and works v.4-13

To God's care and provision vv.14-21

**3. Wonder v.5**

“We must seek, in studying God, to be led *to* God. It was for this purpose that revelation was given, and it is to this use that we must put it. How are we to do this? How can we turn our knowledge *about* God into knowledge *of* God? The rule for doing this is demanding, but simple. It is that we turn each truth that we learn *about* God into matter for meditation *before* God, leading to prayer and praise *to* God...Meditation is the activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, the applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God. It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God.” JI Packer, Knowing God