

## **PSALMS: DIARIES OF GODLY OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS**

### **Psalm One Hundred And Forty-Five - Appreciating The VALUE Of Friendship With God (Psalm 145:1-21)**

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Though the believer may **mentally know** he **should** focus on **God** as the **first** priority, his **focus** is often held captive away from considering God by life's worries or the lures of fulfillment the world offers.
- B. Psalm 145 affirms the **great value** of having God as one's Friend, and beckons the believer with ample **reasons** for shifting his gaze away from the world's worries and lures to look to God as his first passion.

#### **II. Appreciating The VALUE Of Friendship With God, Psalm 145:1-21.**

- A. David stated that he would exalt and praise Elohim, his King forever and ever, Ps. 145:1.
- B. In fact, he would **continuously** do this **every day** for eternity, Psalm 145:2.
- C. David's **reasons** for this claim of continuous, everlasting praise of God reveals how **valuable** his friendship with God had been for him in his experience as follows, Ps. 145:3-20:
  - 1. David stated God was worthy of praise because His greatness was beyond anyone's understanding, v. 3.
  - 2. In clarifying this great claim, David expressed the **comprehensive massiveness** of God's **goodness**:
    - a. God's works were so amazing that one generation would testify of them to another, 145:4.
    - b. In particular, one generation would tell another of God's glorious splendor of majesty, great deeds, abundant goodness and joyful freshness of His righteousness, Ps. 145:5-7.
    - c. David commented on the great grace of God, declaring Him to be compassionate, slow to anger, rich in loyal love, wholesome toward all and compassionate upon all, Psalm 145:8-9.
    - d. He declared all God had made, including His believers (saints), would praise Him, implying the versatility of God to impress all the personality, racial, gender and ethnic classes of men, 145:10.
    - e. David summarized, saying all classes of man would praise God's might and reign (145:11-12), for God's kingdom is eternal and applicable to all generations of men, 145:13.
  - 3. In adding to David's claim of God's greatness being beyond understanding, he focused on God's great **deliverances** of men in **needy** states as follows, Ps. 145:14-20:
    - a. David boldly declared God upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down in suffering, 14.
    - b. He detailed how this was so: (a) for **general** needs, ((1)) David said all eyes of God's creatures look to Him for food to be supplied at the proper time so they can **survive**, Ps. 145:15; ((2)) God accordingly delivers His creatures from hunger by opening His hand to supply them food, Ps. 145:16. (b) However, David reported that God goes **beyond** meeting everyday livelihood needs to supply help in **crises** as follows: ((1)) God is righteous and loyally loving to all He has made (145:17) so that He is near to all who call upon Him for help in truth, Ps. 145:18; ((2)) accordingly, God fulfills the desires of the needy petitioners who fear Him, Ps. 145:19; ((3)) this help is supplied to all those who love the Lord in righteousness, but ((4)) God even **destroys** the **wicked** in contrast to such great help supplied in crises for the upright, Ps. 145:20.
- D. Accordingly, David repeated his claim that his mouth would speak in praise of God, Ps. 145:21a.
- E. Finally, he called on all God's creatures to praise His **holy** name, or a name that is **separate** from **evil**, and to praise that Name eternally, Ps. 145:21b. ***This implies that those creatures be holy as is their GOD!***

***Lesson:*** (1) *If one lives wickedly, he is destined for God's wrath and the absence of blessing, Ps. 145:20b.* (2) *Yet, if he respects God, regardless from what generation he hails (145:4-9) or what is his personality, race, gender or ethnicity, Ps. 145:10, 11-13, he can call on God for sure responses in meeting his daily needs (145:14-16) let alone gaining deliverance out of all c rises (145:14, 17-20a), finding God to be compassionate, patient, rich in loyal love and wholesome towards him (145:8-9).*

***Application:*** *If we or an associate ever feels that "God doesn't or WON'T pay attention to little old ME and MY needs or desires", we must recall Psalm 145 that CORRECTS this view: (a) yes, SIN will keep the individual from receiving God's blessing. However, (b) getting right with God supplies one with God as a Friend Who WILL help him beyond what he could ever possibly DREAM!*