

Songs of Summer

Part 6 The GOODNESS of God Psalm 145

1. King David EXTOLS the goodness of God vs. 1-7
 - David expresses UPWARD praise vs. 1-4
 - David expresses INWARD praise vs. 5
 - David expresses OUTWARD praise vs. 6-7
2. King David's THREE examples of God's goodness vs. 8-20
 - The LORD is TENDER and shows PITY vs. 8-13
 - LONG fuse before NOSTRILS flare
 - BUCKETS of goodness and kindness
 - He REDUCES consequences and doesn't REQUIRE full restitution
 - He shows MERCY to all humans everywhere
Matthew 5:45; 1 Timothy 1:15
 - The LORD SUPPORTS the troubled vs. 14-16
 - He picks us up and LIFTS our heavy loads
Psalm 3:3, 146:3-9
 - He is ABUNDANTLY generous
 - The LORD is UPRIGHT in all His actions vs. 17-20
 - Tenderness and justice are MESHED within His heart
 - He is as close as an AUTHENTIC call
 - He guards those who GENUINELY love Him

Conclusion: 'My mouth will SPEAK' praise and blessing vs. 21

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Life Group Discussion Questions – August 18, 2019

Romans 11:33 'Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!'

QUICK REVIEW

1. Every day we easily see that good things happen to people (evildoers) who practice doing bad things. God sends His favor on the righteous and the unrighteous. What kind of emotions are stirred-up when we witness these things? How can we guard our hearts from these deep-seated feelings? (see Psalm 37:3-5)
2. It is counter-cultural to bless evildoers. Read Matthew 5:43-48. Why is this passage so important for us to understand and abide by? What are the Kingdom benefits?

MY STORY

1. The word extol means to "enthusiastically praise," to "go over-the-top in praise," and to "loudly and passionately acclaim." Describe a time when you extolled someone (or something). What happens to us and to others when we show our animated approval?
2. Some feel that their affection for God and their display of it is a private matter. Do you agree? Why or why not? What does this say about God's worthiness to be praised?

GOING DEEP

1. There are many reasons why we should praise God. Read each scripture below then determine each reason for extolling Him.
 - 2 Samuel 22:4
 - 2 Chronicles 5:13-14
 - Psalm 8:2
 - Psalm 22:3
 - Psalm 96:4
 - Psalm 145:3
2. Read Psalm 145:4-7. How can an older generation inspire a younger generation to praise God? Conversely, how can a younger generation inspire and stir praise in an older one?
3. Read Psalm 145:8-9 and Acts 14:16-17. What conclusions can we make about God's Divine Nature?
4. Using Psalm 145:14-16 for reference, compare and contrast the true, living God to the idols and gods of the nations.
5. Read Psalm 145:17-21. Why is it that we can trust God 100% of the time in all aspects of our lives?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?