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## SERMON OUTLINE

### OUR GREAT GOD AND KING

PSALM 145  
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Psalm 145 is a psalm of praise written by David. It is the first of the last six (6) psalms that serves as a fitting doxology to conclude the Book of Psalms. These last few psalms focused on offering praises to God who is our Great God and King. This psalm started with David's vow to praise God for His greatness. He exhorted the people to proclaim the greatness of God from one generation to another. And in between praises, he asserted God's graciousness and goodness upon all His creation.

David declared God is worthy to be praised forever and ever because He is great, and His

greatness is immeasurable. He promised to praise God every day of his life until the end. God deserves the highest honor and the greatest glory for who He is, what He can do, and where He is (145:1-3).

According to this psalm, the greatness of God is manifested in His great works. David revealed that the greatness of God will be declared from one generation to another. The ones who witness and experience God's mighty acts, wondrous works, and awesome deeds are prompted to declare His overflowing goodness and righteousness (145:4-7).

The second manifestation of God's greatness is in His everlasting kingdom. The kingdom of God is the rule of God in the lives of His people. When God's people submit to His authority and power, they will experience His grace, mercy, love, and goodness. And

when they experience these great works of God, they would, again, declare the power and glory of His everlasting kingdom that endures throughout all generations (145:8-13a).

The third manifestation of God's greatness is the deliverance of His people. God is faithful to His promises to preserve His people all the way until the end. He upholds those who are helpless, hungry, hopeless, and harassed. He sustains them with His abiding presence. In the end, David reiterated his commitment to praise the Lord and exhorted all people to bless the holy name of God forever and ever (145:13b-21).

As we end our sermon series on the Book of Psalms, we will focus on three (3) attributes of God that should serve as the foundation for us to find rest in His person, power, and presence in every season and whatever our circumstance in life. ✨

### CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT WORSHIP

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Christmas is a time of rejoicing. It is the most awaited time of the year when families and friends gather together for fun, food, and fellowship! As we count down the days until Christmas, may we never forget that Christmas time is more than just a traditional celebration. The reason for this joyful season is the commemoration of Christ's birth. And the proper response to the coming of our Lord, Savior, and King, is worship. To understand more clearly the dynamics of Christmas and worship, let us look at several witnesses who were there during the first Christmas time.

#### Angels and the heavenly hosts

"And suddenly, there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'" (Luke 2:13-14). At the time of Christ's birth, the angels worshiped by *glorifying God!*

#### Shepherds in the fields

"And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child." (Luke 2:16-17). When the shepherds in the field witnessed the newborn King Jesus, they expressed their worship by *sharing the good news!*

#### Wise men from the east

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11). The moment they saw Jesus Christ, the wise men worshiped Jesus by *giving precious gifts!*

During the first Christmas, these three witnesses of Jesus Christ's birth expressed different kinds of worship. They glorified God, shared the good news, and gave precious gifts. These three (3) expressions of worship are relevant not just 2,000 years ago, but also

in our Christmas celebration today. As we gather together at Christmas with our family and friends, let us remember that we ought to glorify God just like the angels did. We must praise God for His great love for us, that He sent His Son Jesus for us to be saved. And as recipients of God's love through Christ, we ought to share the good news like the shepherds. The good news we heard and believed must be proclaimed to others as well, so that they, too, would also experience the love of God. And to express our grateful appreciation of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, let us not hesitate to give precious gifts like the wise men. No material things can compare to the greatest gift of salvation we received through Jesus Christ. So during this Christmas season, let us cheerfully give back to the Lord by offering Him precious gifts!

Christmas is all about worship. Glorify God. Share the good news. And give Him precious gifts! ✨

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