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Psalm 145

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The God Who Cannot Be Hidden

This Psalm of David is the last of the "alphabetical" Psalms that is written in acrostic style. Each verse begins with the next letter in the 22-letter Hebrew alphabet, except for the letter *nun*. Thus, instead of 22 verses, it only has 21. It easily divides into thirds, each a 7-letter section.

Verses 1-7 emphasize that God is Awesome;
Verses 8-14 emphasize that God is Gracious;
Verses 15-21 emphasize that God is For All.

Verses 1-7: People who know God have reason to "praise His name," "forever and ever," for "His greatness *is* unsearchable." Passing praise for God from one generation to another is a most effective way to influence the future. Godly Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents who "meditate on" God's "majesty" and "wondrous works" make the best teachers. Moses taught Israel: "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren" ([Deuteronomy 4:9](#)). Timothy had "genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" ([2 Timothy 1:4-5](#)). If the truth about God skips even one generation, "the memory of Your great goodness" can be lost.

Verses 8-15: Among God's perfection in characteristics, He is "good to all." He truly "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" ([1 Timothy 2:4](#)). Indeed, His works speak for themselves, and when discussed His saints bless Him and make them know to "the sons of men," an expression that refers to those who are not yet "saints." Living in a country whose government does everything in its power to ban mention of God in its schools, agencies, and workers, we can see that [Psalm 145:10-13](#) are a clarion call for all "saints" to get busy "making known" to "the sons of men" God's "mighty acts!" If we do not, NO ONE WILL! To a world of skeptics, agnostics, and atheists, "The LORD upholds all who fall" should be our marquee. God not only IS, but CARES, and HELPS in our salvation.



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Verses 16-21: People hopefully expect God to provide, which He does, "in due season." It is from His "opened Hand" blessings come. The LORD is "righteous" (upright, principled) "in all His ways," "gracious" (thoughtful, helpful) "in all His works," and "near" (not distant, aloof) "to all who call upon Him." Paul's appeal to idolaters said this in [Acts 17:25-28](#). God is bountiful in His care for "those who fear Him" and promises to "destroy" "all the wicked." The amazing thing about the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that it enables "the wicked" to become "saints" when they "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 2:38](#)). Because God treats everyone right, why wouldn't our mouths "speak the praise of the LORD," and "all flesh" "bless His holy name" "forever and ever?"

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