PSALM OF PRAISE

Thanksgiving #1: Psalm 145:15–21

November 8, 2020

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:1–2

Reading a Psalm of praise with Pastor Paul Schneider

I will extol you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.... My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:1-2, 21

1) Who is the proper object of our thanksgiving?

- 2) What are we thankful for?
- 3) When is the best time to give thanks?

The mission of thanksgiving

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts... Psalm 145:3-4 (see Spurgeon's sermon on the "Philosophy and Propriety of Abundant Praise")

- 1) Thanksgiving starts personally (see Romans 1:21 and the first and last verses of Psalm 145)
- 2) Thanksgiving is a family affair
- 3) Thanksgiving is kingdom big (see 145:10-13)

How to get the most out of Thanksgiving

1) Thank the Father for what Jesus thanked his Father

²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

Luke 10:21-22 (see Nicholas Batzig's blog at <u>https://feedingonchrist.org/thankfulness-jesus/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=thankfulness-jesus</u>)

2) Use Psalm 145 as a guide to watching thankfully what God is doing in your life, family and world

- 8. The Lord is gracious and compassionate
- 9. The Lord is good to all
- 13. The Lord is faithful to all his promises
- 14. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down
- 17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways
- 18. The Lord is near to all who call on him
- 19. *He fulfills the desires of those who fear him*....
- 20. The Lord watches over all who love him

Psalm 145

3) Expand your paradigm: Guilt, Grace, Gratitude, _____

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.
¹⁴ "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵ and call on me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

¹⁶But to the wicked person, God says

²² "Consider this, you who forget God,

or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:

²³ Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,

and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

Psalm 50 (see Kevin de Young's commentary on Psalm 50

at <u>https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/gratitude-to-gods-glory/</u>)

Resources for further studies of Thanksgiving

Nicholas Batzig's blog on giving thanks like Jesus at <u>https://feedingonchrist.org/thankfulness-jesus/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=thankfulness-jesus</u>

Spurgeon's message on Psalm 145 at https://www.ccel.org/ccel/spurgeon/sermons25.xxvii.html

- Kim Riddlebarger's sermon om Psalm 146 is good example of Reformed preaching (light on application, heavy on theology) on the psalms at <u>http://kimriddlebarger.squarespace.com/sermons-on-the-psalms/A%20Sermon%20on%20Psalm%20146%20edited.pdf</u>
- Alexander Maclaren has a wonderful analysis of salvation in the Psalms in his study at <u>http://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/7925/pg7925.txt</u>
- The Bible Project has a wonderful intro to reading the Psalms (great for kids!) at <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/</u>
- Kevin de Young has a series of Thanksgiving blogs, including these: <u>https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/stuffed-full-with-thankfulness/</u> <u>https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/gratitude-to-gods-glory/</u>

