Treasures Discovering God's Riches

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Psalm 145

a Treasure to Rave About

w do you picture God? Childhood impressions and experiences are likely to influence our perception of God. But the Bible gives accurate pictures of what God is really like. In this study, you will discover King David's picture of God and how it affected his life.

Before you read the psalm, list the qualities you treasure in a friend.

Read Psalm 145

1. David, the Psalmist, wants to exalt and praise God every day forever (verses 1-2). What does this indicate regarding the value David places on the Lord?

In verses 3-9 and 11-17, what reasons are given for praising God?

2. What impresses you about this description of God?

3. How does this description compare with the way you usually think of God?

4. From verses 4-7, list the different actions that we can use to respond to God's greatness.

What practical opportunities do you have to tell God's acts to another generation, celebrate God's goodness, meditate on his works, or sing of his righteousness?

What, if anything, keeps you from doing these activities?

5. What examples have you seen of God's actions described in verses 14 and 16?

6. In verses 18-20, what blessings of the Lord does the psalmist call out, and what action is required to receive each blessing?

Why is our participation crucial?

7. Right now, which of these blessings is the most meaningful to you, and why?

8. What evidence do you find in this psalm that God treasures us?

How does this compare with your perception of God's attitude toward you?

9. Why is verse 21 an appropriate ending to this psalm?

10. In response to what you have seen about God in this psalm, what you would like to say to him?

Write your feelings of surprise, thanks, confession, or even questions you have.

PRAYER

Close your study with brief prayers to God, our Treasure. You could pray silently, or read aloud something you wrote in answer to question 10.