

# To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:  
Give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

Verse 2:

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3:

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Give Him the glory! Great things He has...

# Are you Washed in the Blood?

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood,  
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?  
Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white!  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Will your soul be ready for His presence bright,  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

# Praise Him!

Psalm 145:1-2

Praise is an important fiber of all mankind. We were created to praise, and specifically we were created to praise God.

Illustration: Every day when the sun rises over Washington DC, its first rays fall on the eastern side of the city's tallest structure, the 555-foot Washington Monument. The first part of that monument to reflect the rising sun is the eastern side of its aluminum capstone, where these words are inscribed: *Laus Deo*, Latin for "Praise be to God." This compact prayer of praise, visible to the eyes of heaven alone, reminds us that every morning we have the opportunity to Praise Him.

As we look at Psalms 145, we are reminded of our own need to Praise Him.

These first two verses really lay the ground work for all that will come later in the chapter. They help us to understand what Praise really is!

## I. Praise is Lifting High

The word *extol* means to lift high

As a believer, we lift high the Lord by singing to Him and about Him. What we sing is important as well as why we sing.

Consider the words of the great Hymn by Julia Johnston "Grace Greater than our sin"

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe:  
you that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?

Why do you sing? In David's Psalm we see that He proclaims the reason that He sings, God is His King! He sings because God is the Sovereign one. He sings because He submits all authority in his life to the King of the ages!

## II. Praise is Bending Low

The word *bless* literally means “to bow the knee to.” When we bless God, we are bowing to His authority in our life.

**Psalm 95:6 KJV 1900**

O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

The word *kneel* is the same Hebrew word for bless in our main text.

**Daniel 6:10 KJV 1900**

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

When we bless God, we are humbling ourselves. We cannot ever bring praise to God if we are still full of self.

Pride separates us from what really matters in life.

**James 4:6 KJV 1900**

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

The book of Proverbs warns us against our pride. Many of you are familiar with this truth from scripture:

**Proverbs 16:18 KJV 1900**

Pride *goeth* before destruction, And an haughty spirit before a fall.

### III. Praise Him Forever!

Praise involves both of these things: Lifting up the name of Christ, and bringing yourself low. These are not contingent on the circumstances.

When we praise, the direct meaning is to shine as a light.

**Matthew 5:16 KJV 1900**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The circumstances did not change our dear friend, Daniel. Instead, although there was a sanction against all prayer, He continued to pray! The circumstances in His life didn't cause him to change His willingness to Praise God.

**Daniel 6:11 KJV 1900**

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

When Paul and Silas were in the Philippian Jail, they didn't stop singing and praising just because they were locked up.

**Acts 16:24–25 KJV 1900**

Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Their praise Continued through their great trial! The Psalmist states that He will sing forever!

In the last few days before His crucifixion, Jesus was warning the disciples that His death was imminent. He made this startling truth known to them:

**John 12:32 KJV 1900**

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Christ was telling them that His death was essential in that it would draw men to Him.

When one has come to the point of knowing the Lord in a personal way, the desire to sing His praise and sing it often becomes very strong....The Psalmist apparently means nothing more than that he intends to praise the Lord as long as he has any being.

This week, I read the story of an elderly Christian man, a fine singer, who learned that he had cancer of the tongue and that surgery was required. In the hospital after everything was ready for the operation, the man said to the doctor, "Are you sure I will never sing again?" The surgeon found it difficult to answer his question. He simply shook his head no. The patient then asked if he could sit up for a moment. "I've had many good times singing the praises of God," he said. "And now you tell me I can

never sing again. I have one song that will be my last. It will be of gratitude and praise to God." There in the doctor's presence the man sang softly the words of Isaac Watts' hymn, "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,/ And when my voice is lost in death,/ Praise shall employ my nobler power;/ My days of praise shall ne'er be past,/ While life, and thought, and being last,/ Or immortality endures."

If you had one final song to sing, would it be praise to God?

**Psalm 69:30 KJV 1900**

I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving.

The Lord offers for you and me today the Hope of Heaven but our willful pride and sin separates us from His presence so he makes available to you and me Salvation through Jesus Christ.

**John 14:6 KJV 1900**

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

In Romans, He explains it simply:

**Romans 10:9 KJV 1900**

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

If you believe that Jesus Christ is the ONLY Lord and Saviour, that He died and rose from the dead to deliver you from the penalty of your sins, and call on Him repenting of your sins and confessing that Jesus Is Lord, the Bible says, "Thou shalt be saved!"

Christian, continue to Praise. Let Your light of Praise continue to shine before men so they can see the spotlight of your life is directed towards Jesus Christ and trust in Him!