

SING PRAISE TO THE CREATOR

Old Testament Lesson #180

David wrote many psalms of praise. The last five psalms, 145-150, are a fitting end to the book of Psalms, as they all lift up praises to God.

In Psalm 145 David opens his praise by saying, “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” (vv. 1-2). God is so great that people cannot begin to comprehend how awesome He is.

David speaks of how one generation will speak well of Him to the next. They will tell all about His mighty acts. They will speak “of the glorious splendor” of His majesty. David enjoys thinking about God’s wonderful works. God had been so good to David throughout his life, and David willingly gives God the credit.

David goes on to describe how people will also tell of God’s great deeds just like David has. They, too, will celebrate the goodness of God, and joyfully sing about God’s righteousness (v. 7). As David thinks on this, he says concerning God, “The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made” (vv. 8-9).

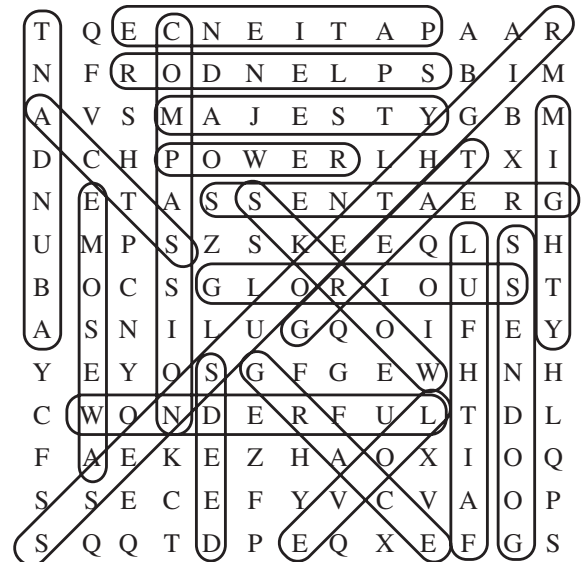
Such goodness and compassion will motivate people to tell everyone they can about the greatness and glory of God’s kingdom. It is a wonderful thought David enjoyed thinking about. He says concerning God’s kingdom: “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made” (v. 13).

As we read the Bible and learn more about God, we, too, can come to know Him and His mighty acts. As God is kind and loving and slow to become angry, so He wants us, His children, to be just as patient with each other as He is with us. If we live like this, we, too, will want to sing praises to God, and to tell everyone we know all about the goodness of God and His love toward all He has made.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- David begins this psalm by praising “the name” of God. David begins Psalm 8 similarly. He says in verse 1 of that psalm, “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”
- Psalm 146 goes very well with this psalm. In that psalm, David encourages everyone to put their hope in God. If they do that, they will experience the same blessings that David received throughout his life because of his faithfulness to God.

ANSWER KEY:



extol, praise, tell, proclaim, exalt, sing, speak, celebrate
over, obsolete, outdated, done, before, ago, history
for ever and ever, everlasting, endures through all generations

Every day sing praises to God.



Match the shapes. The words describe God.

A large rectangular area containing various shapes with words inside them. The words are: LOVING (in a heart), FAITHFUL (in a hexagon), GOOD (in a diamond), JOYFUL (in an oval), FAITHFUL (in a hexagon), JOYFUL (in an oval), GOOD (in a diamond), and LOVING (in a heart). There are also several musical notes scattered around. A dashed line connects the top-left heart to the bottom-right heart.

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