

State of the Church 2026

Our Great God!

Psalm 145:1-7, 17-21 ESV

Week 4 – God’s Continuing Greatness - Psalm 145:17-21 (February 22)

Call to Worship

Congregational Song: How Great is the Greatness of God (Stand and Sing)

Read (Continue Standing as we Read)

Psalm 145:17-21 ESV

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. 18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. 20 The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer

Gratitude

Father, thank You for being righteous and kind in all Your works. You are faithful! You always have been faithful, You are faithful, and You will always be faithful. You are God!

Petition

You are our God and we are your people. Be near to us. May we know truth and call out to You in truth. Grow us to fear you appropriately. Shape our desires to deeply want You and Your gifts. Hear our cries and save us! Teach us to love You and in your love we ask you keep and preserve us. In Christ, we will not be destroyed. He was destroyed so we could live! We will speak Your praise and bless Your holy name forever! Amen!

- Congregation to sit and go into the sermon

Sermon

Psalm 145:6-7 ESV

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Opening Idea

The prophecy given to the Apostle John gives a brief glimpse of the joyful singing of the heavenly choir singing God’s praises perfectly! It is an inspiring chorus that we eagerly hope to join. They sing because Christ is joining with His bride at the marriage supper. The waiting is over, the union has occurred, and celebration erupts. John describes it like the roar of waters and the booming of thunder. This is a grand vision of celebration with joy and in unity.

Let this image shape our thoughts as we look at the final passage in Psalm 145. God’s people praising our great God!

Read

Psalm 145:17-21 ESV **SLIDE 2**

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Notes on Psalm 145:17-21

Perfect God (v. 17)

David writes, once again, that God is the epitome of righteousness and kindness. David emphasizes that God's character of being righteous causes all that He does to be righteous. This righteousness is both who He is and what He does. There is no incongruity or conflict within Him. When David writes that God is kind, David writes that God is Godly; He is perfect. The Hebrew word for kind in the ESV and NASB does not carry the same meaning as our current understanding of kind. The CSB translates the word "há-sid" as faithful. The word is better translated as faithful, pious, devout, and godly. The root word "há-sid" is used in other Old Testament passages as "godly" or "Holy One" referring to a person who is godly in their character or referring to God's anointed. God isn't describe as being kind in giving people trinkets or simple good things. David writes that God is perfect and faithful. All that God does is always what God would do. God is always perfect.

God's Righteous Actions (v. 18-20)

All people will experience the kind and righteous character and actions of God. David writes in these three verses things that show the proof of God's perfection. You can also read the three verses God's perfection is the source of God's actions. Who God is produces what God does. David writes heavily of God's loving actions towards His people. God's people experience the righteous and kind actions of God in beneficial ways. People who call on God in truth, know that He is near to them. People who fear God and cry to Him, He fulfills their desires and hears them. People who love Him, He preserves them.

David also writes that God acts righteously and kindly towards people who are not His. The same truths to define God and His actions are always true. The actions are different, but the reasoning is the same. The truth about God is that He is faithful and righteous. His actions towards the wicked are faithful and righteous. God will destroy all the wicked people. God does not treat the wicked differently than how He treats the redeemed. God interacts with all people in faithfulness and righteousness. The outcomes are based in their situation with God; the presence of faith alone in Christ alone by grace alone. David writes that God destroys all the wicked. Those identified as wicked are people who are guilty criminals. They are guilty of sinning and have earned death. God will not withhold judgement from the wicked. They will not receive what they have not inherited. The same is true for the redeemed. They will not only receive what they have inherited. The Christ will receive God's faithful actions as a substitutionary atonement for those who have faith and believe in the Christ. It would be ungodly and unrighteous for God to give to people what is not due them. If a redeemed person were destroyed, God would be ungodly. If a wicked person were not destroyed or God responded to them with nearness, fulfilling desires, and helped them, then God would be unfaithful and prove Himself to not be God.

- Every person has earned destruction due to their sin. Jesus Christ was destroyed in place of those who have faith and believe. God is faithful and righteous!

The Response of People Toward God (v. 21)

God is God and God does Godly things! David praises the perfectly righteous and faithful God. David is a man who fears, cries out, and loves God. The faith God gave David has caused Him to be God's man and do these things that please God. David will praise God purposefully and willfully and he will praise God publicly.

All flesh, all people, will bless (praise) God's holy name (a name and a being who is perfect and set apart from all of creation) for eternity. Some will praise God willfully responding in faith and love. Some will praise God out of obligation and compulsion of His holiness and presence. God will be glorified and praised, but He loves the praises of His people. Everyone will praise and glorify God!

God's People will Sing God's Praises Forever **SLIDE 4**

In Our Individual Hearts and Minds **SLIDE 5**

Godly desires and values influenced by faith and the Holy Spirit

Thoughts influenced by Godly desires and values

In Private with Family and Friends

Share what God is teaching and doing

Encourage Spiritual work in hearts and minds

- Introduce praising God into the intimate and interpersonal areas of your life

Gathered in Unity and Joy with KBC Congregation

Praise God together

Sing His praise in unison

The Universal Bride Waiting for Christ **SLIDE 6**

Know that we are joining a universal choir that is redeemed by Christ to the glory of God

Saved by Christ is our lineage, identity, and inheritance

Our freedoms of expressions should not create division in the Body of Christ

We wait expectantly and proclaim His death and name until Christ returns for us or we go to Him

Glorifying God Eternally With All Creation

When Christ returns, all of creation will praise Him and His Holy Name

The great Heavenly choir is singing God's praises in perfect elevated worship

When we arrive, we will join the choir and praise God finding fulfillment that was only hinted at while we are here in this flesh.

The Greatest Day of Worship is coming soon!

Our Great God Blesses His People to Sing His Praises **SLIDE 7**

Let's Sing God's Praises Together **SLIDE 8**

For His Good Works Now

With Eager Anticipation

With Joy and in Unity

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- **Go directly into singing praises – 3 songs**
- **Response to God during the last song**