

State of the Church 2026

Our Great God!

Psalm 145:1-7, 17-21 ESV

Week 3 – Great Witness Pt 2 - Psalm 145:6-7 (February 15)

Call to Worship

Read (Stand as we Read)

Psalm 145:6-7 ESV

6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Prayer

Gratitude

Father, thank you for being a great God who does great things. We are grateful to be your people and for you to be our God. Thank you for showing us your great goodness and for the work in us to see all that you do is great and good. Thank you for our gathering here today and worshipping you together.

Petition

Great and Good Father, forgive us when we do not see your greatness and goodness. Forgive us when we do not worship you in an elevated and worthy way. You deserve the highest and perfect worship. Be merciful while correcting us and teaching us how to worship you. Through Jesus, we pray that our praises, our testimony, our fellowship, our giving, and our care for each other bring your joy and glorify you.

Sermon

Psalm 145:6-7 ESV

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Opening Idea

In the country of Judah (around 623 B.C.) the king orders the renovation of the temple. While the renovations are being made, a book is found. Reading the book stirred the hearts and minds of the readers. The book was shared with the king. The king tears his clothes in grief. This private moment leads to a national response of confession, praise, and worship of God. King Josiah (**2 Kings 22& 2 Chronicles 34**) realizes that the nation is not worshipping God and that the

Passover has been forgotten. The nation is disobedient and now they return to God, worshipping Him, praising His great works, removing idols, renewing God's covenant with Judah, and worshipping God alone. A great thing happened in private that brought about a public national response.

Let's continue reading and studying Psalm 145 to be encouraged to worship our Great God!

Read

Psalm 145:6-7 ESV SLIDE 2

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Notes on Psalm 145:6-7

A Dynamic Rhythm of Praise and Worship – Public and Private (v. 6)

David writes that the Israelites will speak to each other and the topic of their speech will be God's deeds. The word David uses to describe God's deeds in the ESV is "awesome". The Hebrew word used here by David is interpreted to mean fear, be afraid, fear God, be honored, terrible, or dreaded. The word carries a sense of fear and dread while also meaning honor. Those meanings are not contradictory but reveal the attitude with which God's people are to speak and testify concerning God and His works. When God's people speak about God's deeds and works, there is a reverence and appropriate awareness of God's power. This is a testimony declared by the people in unison and agreement. They will proclaim God's awesome deeds publicly together.

Then David writes that along with the peoples' testimony, He commits to testify about God's greatness. David's declaration will not choose God's actions or His personhood, but David's declaration will be both. David commits to know God's greatness and His great deeds and to make a public proclamation about the wholeness of God. Remember that David has already written that God is the definition of great and He embodies greatness perfectly and completely.

There is a rhythm in this passage of the public and private praise and worship of God. It can be understood that private praise and worship of God impacts the public worship of God. There is an idea that the spheres of private, family, personal, and public are interconnected and influence each other.

Make God's Goodness and Righteousness Known (v. 7)

David now writes that God's people will give a unified public account, give a testimony, of God's great goodness. Again, David is restating to God that He is the embodiment of greatness

and reminding the reader that God is the definition of greatness. David describes God's goodness by using His greatness to describe His goodness. God has revealed and demonstrated His greatness and His goodness to God's people and their worshipful response is to talk about God publicly together. Joined with the public testimony, David directs God's people to joyfully sing of God's righteousness. The quality of singing joyfully isn't just in response to the character and actions that are deemed kind and pleasant by the singer, but there is something deeper and more spiritual demanded here. The people of God are finding joy in full revealed person of God. God's people are to respond spiritually to knowing all of God and be joyful in knowing more of God and be joyful in response to what they know about God. The joyful singing is in response to His righteousness. God's people are to sing about the "right actions" of God. The assessment of an action being right must conform to a set standard of behavior. It is inappropriate to judge God's actions according to human standards to determine if His actions are right or evil. God's people understand that all that God does as right (**Deuteronomy 32:4**). We must adapt our hearts and minds, in response to the Holy Spirit's work, to find all that God does as great and good and sing of His work with joy.

God's People Worship Their Great and Good God SLIDE 4

Private Worship fuels Public Worship SLIDE 5

Learn and adjust to God's character and actions – joyful response

Model and encourage joyful praise and testimony with your family

Carry the joy from your private worship into the public worship of God's people together

Public Worship empowers Private Worship SLIDE 6

The fruit of God's work in the hearts and minds of people produces unity to sing about and testify of God.

We reflect on the unified worship together and thankfully praise God for what He is doing.

***Unity and Joy are essential to elevated worship! SLIDE 7**

We Will Joyfully Worship God Together SLIDE 8

From Scripture and what He is doing in us and through us

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Ministry Leaders' Testimony of God's Greatness

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