

**Sermon Title:** Affectionate Worship

**Sermon Series:** Gospel-Directed Worship

**Scripture:** Psalm 145

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**God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.**

**Desire & Desperation are the key motivators in our lives.**

### **Psalm 145 ESV**

#### **A SONG OF PRAISE. OF DAVID.**

1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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.

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

14 The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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.

**God is bigger than you can imagine.**

Because God is bigger than we can imagine, we must \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

## **Psalm 145:4–7 ESV**

4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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.

**What does meditating on God look like in your life?**

**“The eyes of all look to you...” —Psalm 145:15a**

**1. God Inspires \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Psalm 145:3 ESV**

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**“Greatness” - majesty, outstanding importance, eminence, fame.**

**“Unsearchable” - impossible to comprehend.**

### **Psalm 145:13 ESV**

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

**“Dominion” - God’s sovereign power & authority.**

### **Psalm 145:17 ESV**

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**“Righteous” - always, 100% morally good.**

### **Romans 3:10–11 ESV**

10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

- **God’s greatness is unsearchable.**
- **God’s dominion endures throughout all generations.**
- **God is righteous & kind. He’s morally good in every possible way.**

*“True worship is intimacy grounded in awe. Awe, which Solomon says must come first, stands silent before that awesomeness of God’s majesty. Only then can worship move to intimacy, which grows out of embracing how close this infinite God has brought himself to us in the cross. Only the two together, in the right order, lead to biblical faith.”*

—Greear, *Not God Enough*, 25

## **How Can We Practice Seeing the Awe of God?**

### **1. Meditate on God.**

#### **Psalm 145:5 ESV**

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

### **2. Speak about God.**

#### **Psalm 145:6 ESV**

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

### **3. Look to God.**

“The eyes of all look to you...” —Psalm 145:15a

**Meditate on God.**

**Speak about God.**

**Look to God.**

## **2. God is Always Faithful**

**People disappoint people.**

**Jesus is always faithful.**

### **Psalm 145:8–9 ESV**

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**The Lord is “gracious” and “merciful.”**

**God is “slow to anger.”**

**God abounds in “steadfast love”—which, is faithful love.**

**God’s “goodness” extends to all that He’s created.**

**Psalm 145:14–16 ESV**

14 The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**Psalm 145:18–19 ESV**

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.

**Trust His faithfulness to you.**

**Psalm 145:1–2 ESV**

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2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**Psalm 145:4 ESV**

4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

**Psalm 145:21 ESV**

21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**David's desperation turned into desire.**

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