

## Praise Goes On; Psalm 145:1-7

### Psalm 145:1–7 (ESV)

- I. Praise
  - A. Praise the LORD in Hebrew is ‘Hallel la YHWH’ or as we commonly say, hallelujah!
  - B. As Jesus is getting ready to enter Jerusalem, Jesus asks for a colt and his disciples go and get it for him
  - C. This colt had never been ridden and was fit for a King of Israel
  - D. Luke 19:36–38 (ESV) <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
  - E. Merriam Webster’s – worship
  - F. When we praise God, we worship him
    1. There are two words in the Greek for worship
    2. One of them is literally, to blow kisses
    3. We worship God because of the sacrifice He made for us
    4. Descending in human form in the Person of His only (unique) Son
    5. Living among us completely human
    6. Experiencing all the same heartache, loss, the highs, and lows of life that we all experience
      - i. The loss of His cousin, John the immerser
      - ii. Riding into Jerusalem as the long-awaited Messiah
    7. Hebrews 2:18 (ESV) <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
    8. Hebrews 4:15–16 (ESV) <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
    9. We worship Him because He became one of us and experienced all the things we have
  - G. “Here in your light we find, what makes us come alive. A sacrifice of praise”
- II. Glory
  - A. “A city on a hill surrendered to your will. Your glory on display”
  - B. Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV) <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- C. The verb form of this word means to have splendid greatness, to clothe in splendor, to praise
- D. The noun form of this word means brightness, splendor, radiance
1. “Humans involved in transcendent circumstances, and also transcendent beings:”<sup>1</sup>
    - i. Of angels and cherubim
    - ii. Of God and those appearing before God
    - iii. Christians in the next life
  2. Exodus 34:29 (ESV)<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.
  3. Exodus 34:33–35 (ESV)<sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,<sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.
  4. Paul writes about this to the church in Corinth
  5. 2 Corinthians 3:15–18 (ESV)<sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.<sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
  6. Our faces should be shining all the time!
    - i. Our faces should be lit with the Glory of God
    - ii. Hebrews 10:19–22 (ESV)<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
    - iii. God has given us His Glory!
    - iv. 2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (ESV)<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him

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<sup>1</sup> William Arndt et al., [\*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature\*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 257.

to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- E. Jesus is the Radiance of God's glory (Hebrews 1:3), the exact imprint of His nature
  - 1. If God is the sun, then Jesus is the light that emanates from the Sun
  - 2. If we are God's glory, then we too, are the light that emanates from the Sun (we are the light of the world, Matthew 5:14)
- III. On and On
  - A. "Your praise goes on and on forever more. We lift the name of Jesus"
  - B. It is the sacrifice of the Lamb of God that deserves our praise forever
  - C. Starting in Revelation 4, God gives John a glimpse into the throne room
  - D. Revelation 5:1–10 (ESV)
  - E. Jesus has conquered, Jesus is worthy
  - F. Jesus' sacrifice has opened the door to salvation for all humanity
  - G. We praise Him forever more!