

WARM-UP

- Tell us about one of your most meaningful possessions.
- Do you like to plan? When was the last time you planned something, only it didn't pan out?
- How do you honor a person? Recall an instance explaining this.

WORD *¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ²Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. **PSALM 145:1-4***

As believers, our ultimate motive in life is to extol, honor, and glorify God. Even as a church, this is why we exist. This is why we do what we do. The psalmist declared that he wanted to praise and bless God forever. When he saw who God is, this was his declaration. And this was not meant for him or his generation alone. It is also meant for us and for the generations to come. Today, let's look at three lessons we can learn from this passage on honoring God in all things.

1 | God is to be honored at all times and in all circumstances.

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In everything we do and in every moment of our lives, God alone is to be honored and extolled. This includes our highest points, our lowest points, and everything in between. We don't just praise God on a Sunday; we do this every day. And we will do this forever. Recall times when it was hard for you to honor and extol God. What did you do, in spite of your situation and emotions?

2 | God is greater than all.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. PSALM 145:3-4

To honor, extol, and glorify someone is to recognize their characteristics and achievements, and put this person high above all else. The truth is, any human attribute or accomplishment will always fall short of God. He is our God and King, He is greater than all, and He has done mighty acts. Because of this, He alone deserves our worship and praise. How do you think you can express the greatness of God in your life today?

God's honor and glory are to be taught to the next and future generations.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. **PSALM 145:4**

If we think God is only to be honored and glorified now by us, we are mistaken. God's greatness and His mighty acts are to be taught from one generation to another. Our motive—to honor God—is intergenerational. We are to tell others about what we have heard and what we have experienced ourselves. Our prayer is that future generations will continue to love God and declare His greatness to others as well. How do you think one generation can commend God's works to another?

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APPLICATION

- Do you believe that God is great? What has made you realize the truth? How will it change the way you live?
- What is your motivation in life? What do you think your life would be like if you lived to honor God at all times and in all circumstances?
- Think of the people you will meet or talk to this week. Ask God for opportunities to minister and tell others about God this week.

PRAYER

- Thank God for His greatness and for revealing Himself to you.
- Pray that you would live to honor God. Pray that God would reveal more of Himself to you so that you will have a deeper understanding of your faith, and that you would praise Him at all times.
- Pray that you would do your part in commending God’s works and greatness to the next and future generations.

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