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"But the praise of God is not a passing fancy. It is one of the most elemental, fundamental, and necessary factors of the life of faith in this and any age. It is the goal and direction of all creation. The praise of God is the occupation of all His holy angels. The praise of God is the purpose of man. The praise of God is the end result of all God's wonders, all His being, and all His acts. If man will not praise God, the very stones will! (cp. Lk. 19:40). He has redeemed us for the praise of His glory (cp. Eph. 1:6, 12, 14). This is no fad! (Barclay Allen, p. 26).

V. 1

"Extol" - to lift up high; to unashamedly elevate God in the minds of men. We cannot lift up God (he is exalted); but we can lift up His reputation in the opinion of others.

V. 2

"Bless" - it's easy to understand how God blesses us, but how do we bless God? We bless Him by remembering ("not forgetting") His benefits (Ps. 103:1, 2) and letting Him know how much we appreciate it.

"Praise" (halal) - to boast about God (Jer. 9:22-23); to be excited with joy to the point that you express it with a shout of triumph (SEE: Book "Praise! A Matter of Life and Breath" - Ronald Allen, p. 64).

The basic difference between praise and bless: to "bless" is to tell God how great He is; to "praise" is to tell others how great He is.

1) Praising God was something David planned to do. NOTE: Four times the phrase "I will" occurs, showing the resolve of David. -- His unflinching determination, His focused goal, His daily objective to praise his God.

2) Praising God was something David planned to do daily. V. 2 - "Every day" (Not just during feast and festival days, holidays, and tabernacle services.)

3) Praising God was something David planned to do forever (v. 1 - "forever and ever" . . . v. 2 - "for ever and ever" . . . Such a phrase shows David's confidence in the life hereafter and that he would be going to Heaven when he died.

To aid the memory of the Hebrews who would memorize this psalm, God authored this psalm using an alphabetic acrostic, with each verse beginning with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. (EX: Ps. 119).

This is a psalm to be remembered, lest we forget the reasons why God is worthy of our praise.

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V. 3

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" - God's greatness demands our praise (Ps. 48:1=2 - we sing these verses).

A. His greatness is incomprehensible (v. 3)

"Unsearchable" - can't be totally found out by discovery.

Every time man discovered another God designed law in the universe, it points to the greatness of god.

NOTE: Verses 4-7 emphasize the public testimony of God's greatness. The unashamed bold declaration or proclamation of His greatness.

--A generation testifies (v. 4)

--An individual testifies (v. 5)

--Men (plural) testify (v. 6-7)

B. His greatness is revealed by His mighty works (v. 4)

--The Passover --The Exodus --The manna --The 7-year conquest of Canaan

What has God done in your generation that you could pass on to your children and grandchildren?

C. His greatness is revealed by His wondrous works (v. 5)

EX: miracles in O.T. and N.T.

D. His greatness is revealed by His awesome works (v. 6)

"Terrible acts" = acts which cause men to shudder in fear and dread; to gaze with a silent awe.

The end-time display of God's wrath (Joel 2:27-32)

II. Praise Him Because He is GRACIOUS (v. 7-9)

V. 7

"Utter" = eagerly utter; lit. "to bubble forth"

V. 7-9

Note the colorful descriptive adjectives:

V. 7 - "great goodness"
V. 8 - "full of compassion"
"slow to anger"
V. 9 - "great mercy"
"tender mercies"

"Grace" - God's gift of kindness and favor to those who do not deserve it, cannot earn it, cannot repay it, and who of themselves do not even want it.

The words "grace" and "compassion" point to how God gives to us what we do not deserve (He gives blessing).

The words "slow to anger" and "mercy" point to how God does not give to us what we do deserve (He withholds judgment).

V. 9

"Good to all . . . mercies over all His works" - The common grace of God.

The sun shines on the just and unjust. He makes it to rain upon the just and unjust.

III. Praise Him Because He is GLORIOUS (v. 10-13)

Verses 10-13 are eschatological. They point to the praise God will receive in the Millennial Kingdom.

In that Kingdom:

A. God's works shall praise Him (Is. 55:12 - "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.")

B. God's saints shall praise Him (Rev. 5:9-10; 7:9)

God's glory will be revealed in His Kingdom (Is. 40:1 - **5**)

Those who live through the Tribulation (who get saved at the end of it) will enter the kingdom alive, will have children nd will tell them all that God did to provide such a utopia.

IV. Praise Him Because He is GOOD (v. 14-20)

Praise Him because:

A. He lifts us up when we fall (v. 14)

B. He provides what we need when we need it (v. 15)

C. He satisfies our desires (v. 16)

D. He is close to us when we sincerely call upon Him (v. 18)

E. He fulfills our desires when we fear Him (v. 19)

F. He preserves us because we love Him (v. 20)

CONCLUSION: