

Psalm 145:1-5

“Who’s Your King?”

Intro.

I. **What/who is a king?**

A. **King – preeminence (Col. 1:18); chief authority**

B. So who/what has supreme authority & preeminence in your life?

Who/what reigns supreme in your heart & mind?

- 1) Bitterness – towards those who have wronged, hurt, attacked or slandered; towards those who disagree; towards those we love most: family & God.
- 2) Arrogance/Pride – I’m wrong... **A LOT!!!**
- 3) Impatience/Intolerance – lack of mercy, grace & forgiveness
- 4) Entertainment – sports; movies; television; internet
- 5) Fear/doubt/worry/anxiety – the future; things out of my control; hypotheticals
- 6) People/relationships

Body

I. **Ps. 145 – Who’s your king?**

A. V.1 – *“I will extol (Heb. = to highly praise or exalt) You, my God, o King...”*

- 1) We were born/created to worship the One worthy of all worship – Is. 43:7, 21; Ps. 29:2, 10; 113:3; 148; 150; 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Peter 2:9; Rev. 4:8-11.
- 2) We will worship/praise whoever/whatever is king/god of our life; whatever is most important.
- 3) When we don’t worship the One true King, we replace that worship with something/someone else – Jer. 2:9-13.
 - a) *****Who/what is king in your life today??? Who/what sits enthroned where only Jesus belongs? Is God really King???**

- i) Perhaps some/most of the time; some/most areas, but not ***ALL***.
- ii) Many have crowned a lot of things other than Jesus as king in their life & then justified it with acceptable Christian labels:
 - 1) Responsibilities = Family; work
 - 2) R & R; “family time” = running ragged all week/ constant travels; staying up late on Fri. & Sat. & sleeping in on Sunday.
 - 3) Ministry – when the purpose becomes greater than the Purpose Giver; when the conduit becomes more important than what it’s carrying, then the focus has been lost from its Holy origin.
- b) What does God say about some of the things that we enthrone in our life?
 - i) Matt. 6:19-21, 24
 - ii) Luke 9:57-62; 12:15, 22-23; 14:25-27
 - iii) John 6:27; 1 John 2:15-17
 - 1) **They’re temporary & fleeting; hold limited importance & value; they’re distracting & deceptive, never delivering the promises they present – Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13*

II. What’s the solution? How do we enthrone God as our King?

A. V.1b – 2 – Develop a proper & eternal perspective.

- 1) V.1 – “I will bless Your name ***forever and ever***”
- 2) V.2 – “***Every day*** I will bless You, and I will praise Your name ***forever and ever.***”
 - a) David enthroned God in his life by acknowledging & recognizing what was eternal & most important; what was worthwhile of his time & energy.

b) David had committed to serving his King...in spite of his circumstances: forever and ever; every day = in the good times and bad!

c) *Major reason God isn't enthroned as King in our lives is b/c our worship is conditional/circumstantial* – Job 13:15; Ps. 23:4.

B. **V.3-5 – Develop a proper understanding of God. How?**

1) **Praise Him** – V.3 – *“Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable”* (beyond our comprehension).

a) V.8-9 – gracious; compassionate; patient; merciful & good.

b) V.10 – All His works praise Him – Ps. 19:1.

c) V.17 – righteous & gracious

i) Our praise, like David's, needs to be in alignment with the One we are made to praise...if the Lord is great, then our praise should be great; if His greatness is beyond our ability to comprehend, then how much, how often & how fervently should we praise Him? If all of creation praises Him, why don't His people do the same???

2) **Promote Him** – V.4 – *pass Jesus on to the next generation* – v.10-13; Is. 38:19; Deut. 6:1-9; 11:1-7, 18-23.

3) **Ponder Him** – V.5 – *“I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty.”* (Phil. 4:8; Ps. 77:10-15)

a) **Meditate** – to set our minds on; to dwell on with intention.

b) **Glorious** – completely wonderful.

c) **Splendor** – brilliantly gorgeous in appearance; great brightness or brilliant distinction.

d) **Majesty** – supreme greatness; sovereignty; authority; royalty.

i) ***Discipline & train our minds & hearts to intentionally dwell on God's completely wonderful & brilliant brightness & supreme greatness & authority in spite of our circumstances or emotions.***