

# Behold Our God: Reflections in Psalms

[Psalm 145](#)

“God is Righteous” – October 15, 2023



## Introduction

There are many things in life that we call the best - the best meal we ever had, the best vacation we took, the best game we ever saw or played. While these things are good and we enjoyed them, they are not “the best” that we can have.

In the first three sections of the 150 Psalms, we read cries of lament. The last two sections are ones of praise, exalting God's coming kingdom. They remind us of Who God is, and they give hope. This Psalm reminds us that our God is righteous. A relationship with Him is the best we could ever experience.

## Sermon Outline

1. Make known the almost unbelievable greatness of your God! Vs. 1-9
2. Make known the almost unbelievable greatness of His kingdom. Vs. 10-21

## Read & Discuss

1. Read 1 – 9

As you hear David's words here, do you feel the bubbling over of the white-hot love of God for David? David had not just heard about God, but he had feasted at the table of God's greatness. He knew God. He knew God's forgiveness. Every day and forever, David was going to praise God. David's heart was stirred. Do you have the same thoughts about God? Do you know of God's greatness?

We can see a glimpse of God's greatness in Job 38. God was reminding Job of His greatness after all of Job's questioning in light of his suffering. God has performed His mighty acts from generation to generation. They are wonderful, awe-inspiring works. When you truly meditate on the goodness of God, you can't help but be in awe of Him. God is living and active. He is faithful and kind. He has created all things. He is a great God.

God's works prove His goodness and righteousness. The righteousness of God is His rightness. This means that God is right 100% of the time. To go against the rightness of God is what the Bible calls sin. God is the supreme standard of right and wrong. The only way to become right before God is by the work of Jesus on the cross. God, in His grace, sent Jesus to atone for our sin.

God's desire is to bless and not to curse. He is tender and sympathetic. He has pity and care for us. ([Vs. 8-9](#)) In what ways have you experienced God's faithful love and care over the course of your life? While God is faithful, loving, and merciful, we must remember that God will judge sin. ([Nahum 1:2-6](#))

God is patient - not wanting any to perish. He wants you to come to Him. Will you meditate on the greatness of God this week? Are you blessing God? Are you making His greatness known?

## **Additional Reading:** Job 38

2. Read 10 – 21

David moves from God's transcendence and greatness to the greatness of God's kingdom. What is so great about God's kingdom? ([Vs. 12](#)) God's is powerful.

God's power raised Jesus from the dead. It saved you and me. His dominion (kingdom) endures forever. His promises are so much better than we expect. The kingdom of God never needs

remodeling and it will not fade.

God upholds those who are falling. Do you think God has given up on you? When we turn to Him, we receive His help. If you are struggling, have you gone to God with your struggles? Have you struggled to believe that God can help you? The humble can receive the kingdom of Heaven. ([Matthew 5:2-12](#))

Do you look to God when you are overwhelmed? Do you worry about the future? ([Matthew 6:25-33](#)) God is not stingy. He will not close His hands when you need help. In His love and mercy, He will help. It delights Him, and He delights in those who trust Him.

You can be satisfied, accepted, and changed by God. God is right and righteous in ALL His ways. ([vs. 17](#)) We can trust that God is who He says He is because He not only tells us, He shows us who He is. He is faithful to redeem us through Jesus.

God is actively seeking us. We can come to Him through Jesus. ([John 14:6](#)) To which kingdom do you belong - God's kingdom or your own? How does knowing all of this about God stir your affections toward Him? How will you remind yourself about the greatness of God? What are the things that God has done for you? How has He been faithful? Who needs to hear your story of God's faithfulness?

### **Prayer of Response**

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at [fbcum.org](http://fbcum.org)

<b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Psalm 99</a> "God is Holy"
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