

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

“I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable” (Ps 145:1-3).

INTRODUCTION:

A. The title and scripture for this lesson is based On Christian hymn:

How Great Thou Art! - By Pastor Carl Boberg.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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B. GOD, greatness of

In 1715 King Louis XIV of France died after a reign of 72 years. He had called himself "the Great," and was the monarch who made the famous statement, "I am the state!" His court was the most magnificent in Europe, and his funeral was equally spectacular. As his body lay in state in a golden coffin, orders were given that the cathedral should be very dimly lit with only a special candle set above his coffin, to dramatize his greatness. At the memorial, thousands waited in hushed silence. Then Bishop Massillon began to speak; slowly reaching down, he snuffed out the candle and said, "**Only God is Great.**" (*Today in the Word*).

C. Quotes on the Greatness of God:

1. “I feel that, if I could live **a thousand lives**, I would like to live them all **for Christ**, and I should even then feel that they were all too little a return for His great love to me.” – C. H. Spurgeon
2. “God is never late, but on time” – Michelle Murray.
3. “God never takes a day off to love, to care, to keep us safe and guide us in every moment in our lives. May His presence be with you always” – Anonymous

Point To Ponder:

The Greatness of God sets Him apart from anything or anyone. God is above the norm or distinguished and He is beyond the ordinary. There is no comparison to the Greatness of the Almighty God.

- “Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!” (Ps 71:19).

How can you use this verse (Ps 71:19), to encourage others who may be struggling to see God’s hands in their lives?

I. THE GREATNESS OF GOD IS WORTHY OF PRAISE (Ps 145:1-2)

- Praise means to give thanks, honor, or commend; to be boastful, to praise; the idea of giving thanks and honor to One (God) who is worthy of praise.

A. Praise the Lord by Extolling Him (v. 1a) – “Extol” - means to Praise.

To extol the Lord is to exalt him above all others. It is letting others know your (“my God”) high beliefs/views of God. It is to hold God in the highest regard as well as to think and speak very highly of God.

B. Praise the Name of the Lord “for ever and ever” (v. 1b, 2b)

Praise God for the rest of your life and for all eternity in the world to come.

C. Praise the Lord “Every Day” (v. 2a)

As Christians, we should praise God daily and throughout each day. We should not allow a day to pass without praising God. We should never be so busy nor so sorrowful that we go without praising God. Exalting God should be a daily practice, not limited to specific times or places. It involves God’s sovereignty in every aspect of life.

- “I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works” (Ps 9:1).
- “I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Ps 34:1). – Honor God through every changing condition of life. Rejoice always, pray continually, and thank God in every circumstance (1 Thess 5:16-18).
- “Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus, will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name” (Ps 63:3-4).
- “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name” (Ps 103:1).
- “Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being” (Ps 146:1-2).

II. REASONS TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GREATNESS (Ps 145:3)

A. God is Great and is worthy of Great Praise (v. 3a)

1. Praise God for the Greatness of His Love (John 3:16)

The love of God is infinite and unconditional

- God loves the world (People) – He sent His Son Jesus to die for the undeserving world of sinful people.
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).
- “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

2. The Greatness of God is “Unsearchable” (v. 3b)

- “Unsearchable” means to be nothing, naught or not exist, not comprehensible.
- We cannot search the depths of God’s Greatness. God’s Greatness is Unsearchable. The extent or size of the Greatness of God is similar to the Universe which seems to go on and on. Likewise, God’s Greatness goes on and on.
- No one can measure the fullness of God’s power, wisdom, holiness, or mercy. God’s Greatness is beyond our comprehension.

B. The Greatness of God is Seen in His Creation

1. God created the Heaven and the Earth

- “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen 1:1).
- “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else” Isa 45:18).
- “Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee” (Jer 32:17).
- “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3).
- “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him” (Col 1:16).

2. God Created Man

- “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Gen 1:26).
- “This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him” (Gen 5:1).
- “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth” (Ps 139:13-15).
- Just think about the complexity of the human body – organs, muscular, skeleton, circulatory and digestive systems – **God is Amazing.**

3. God Created Animals

- “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good” (Gen 1:24-25).
- There are many species that are known to man. However, many are unknown, and many species are discovered each year.

C. The Greatness of God’s Knowledge is “Unsearchable”

1. “He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names” (Ps 147:4).

- God knows the number of stars – A number so vast that man cannot express it – and God has a name for each star.

2. God knows the past, present and the future – The omniscience of God (God is all-knowing).

a. God knows our very thoughts, even before we speak forth.

- “For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether” (Ps 139:4). – God knows every person’s action, movements, and thoughts from afar. Our lives are an open book before God – He knows all there is about us

b. God knows Everything (1 John 3:20)

c. God knows the number of hairs on our head

- “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered” (Matt 10:30).

D. The Greatness of God is Seen in His Care of His People

- “The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy” (Ps 145:18-20).

Study Questions:

1. How often do you Praise God?

2. Do you Praise God when matters are not going so well in your life? Why or Why not?

3. What is the significance of the Greatness of God that reminds you that He is worthy to be Praised?

4. How does God’s Creation reveal the Greatness of God?

Points to Ponder:

1. **We Should Praise God Everyday** – God is blessing us everyday, which is a good reason to praise Him everyday and speak well of Him.
2. Praise God for who He is and what He has done for you.

Challenge:

This week, I will praise God for His _____.

CONCLUSION:

A. Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.

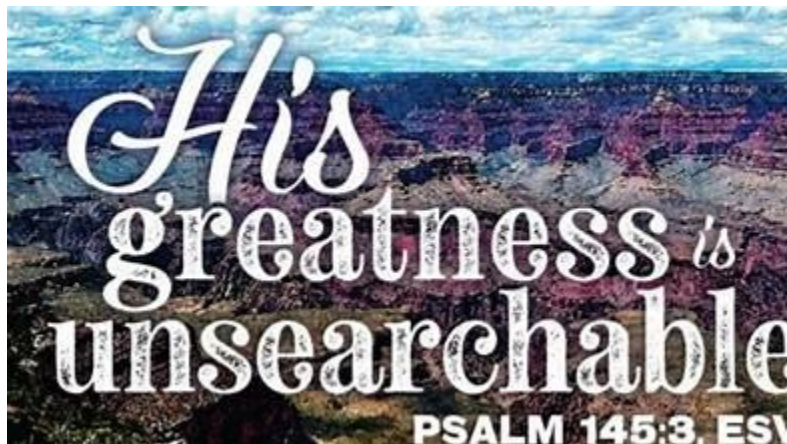
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

B. Always Praise God and Thank Him for Saving You.

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

Memory Verses:

- “For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods” (Ps 96:4).
- “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Rev 4:11).



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).