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October memory verse: **Romans 8:28 (NKJV)**

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Reminder on Sundays, September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 at 4 PM we will be watching video presentations on Spiritual Warfare by Dr. Karl Payne

Shoe boxes are due back by Sunday November 8th

**Commentary on Psalms 145 and 146 by, Chuck Smith,
October 4, 2020**

Psalm 145

I will extol thee, my God, O King; 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 ([Psa 145:1-3](#)).

Oh, the riches of His mercy and grace unto us! The greatness of God is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of your wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy awesome acts ([Psa 145:4-6](#)):

Awesome is a word that we would use to describe the Hebrew word. "That Thy awesome acts."

and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. For the LORD ([Psa 145:6-8](#))

This is an Old Testament revelation.

is gracious, and full of compassion ([Psa 145:8](#));

That's not the God of the New Testament. That's the God of the Old Testament. The same God. There aren't two Gods.

slow to anger, great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. For thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholds all that fall, and raises up all those that be bowed down ([Psa 145:8-14](#)).

"Humble thyself in the eyes of the Lord, He will lift you up" ([James 4:10](#)). Here is the same idea here. The Lord raises up all of those that are bowed down. God withstands the proud. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" ([Matthew 23:12](#)). The Lord will uphold those that fall.

Paul said, "Who are you who judges another man's servant? Before his own master he either stands or falls. Yea, God is able to make him to stand" ([Romans 14:4](#)). It's so comforting to me to know that in my weakness, God will hold me when I fall. He'll hold me up lest I fall.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; you give them their meat in due season. You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all of his ways ([Psa 145:15-17](#)),

He's gracious. He's full of compassion. He's slow to anger. He's of great mercy. He's good to all. His tender mercies are over all of His works. And now, "The LORD is righteous in all of His ways."

and holy in all of his works ([Psa 145:17](#)).

Satan is constantly challenging the righteousness of God. How can a God of love allow children to be born blind? How can a God of love send men to hell? And all of these concepts that challenge the righteousness of God.

The LORD is near to all of those that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those that reverence him ([Psa 145:18-19](#)):

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; He'll give you the desires of your heart" ([Psalm 37:4](#)). He will fulfill the desire of those that reverence Him.

he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserves all of them that love him: but all of the wicked he'll destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever ([Psa 145:19-21](#)).

PSALM 147

Now the final psalms or the Hallel psalms. They begin with hallelujah and end with hallelujah in the Hebrew.

Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live I will praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goes forth, he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all that is therein: which keeps truth for ever: Who executes judgment for the oppressed: who gives food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind: the LORD raises them that are bowed down: the LORD loves the righteous: The LORD preserves the strangers; he relieves the fatherless and the widow: but the way of the wicked he turns upside down. The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Hallelujah ([Psa 146:1-10](#)).

And so these things that he declares concerning the Lord, "Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob as his help, who has put his hope and trust in God. For God made the heaven and the earth. He keeps truth forever. He executes judgment for those that are oppressed. He gives food to the hungry. He frees the prisoners. Opens the eyes of the blind. Raises those

that are bowed down." Of course, these things are making reference to the Kingdom Age. "For He shall reign forever and ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations."