

Sermon Title: Grippled by the Greatness of God

Sermon Text: Psalm 145

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to an authentic lifestyle of praise.

Sermon Proposition: David provides 6 biblical responses to the Greatness of our God.

Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

Psalm 149:3 Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

Isaiah 12:5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth.

Isaiah 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Revelation 19:5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

I. A renewed commitment to praise the attributes and acts of God. V.1-3

A. The commitment to praise God for His revealed **attributes**.

B. The commitment to praise God for His revealed **acts**.

II. A rehearsal of God's awesome greatness. V.3-7

A. The **sincerity** of our praise focuses on His awesome greatness. V.3a

B. The **source** of our praise focuses on His awesome greatness. V.3b

C. The **scope** of our praise focuses on His awesome greatness. V.4

D. The **stare** of our praise focuses on His awesome greatness. V.5

E. The **speech** of our praise focuses on His awesome great. V.6-7

1. Speak v.6

2. Celebrate v.7a

3. Sing v.7b

III. A respect for God's amazing grace. V.8-13

A. The amazing grace is a result of God's **graciousness**. V.8a

B. The amazing grace is a result of God's **compassion**. V.8b-10

1. Slow to anger

2. Great in mercy or full of loyal love. (**Ps. 86:15; 103:8**)

Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

Nehemiah 9:17 They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You *are* God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

Joel 2:13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

Jonah 4:2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

"Because God is good and compassionate to all, all His works and His saints praise Him."

C. The amazing grace is a result of God's **kingdom** rulership. V.11-13

Daniel 4:3 How great *are* His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion *is* from generation to generation. . . **34** And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

IV. A review of God's affirmative faithfulness. V.14-16

A. God is faithful to uphold all who fall. V.14a

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸ "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ "For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

B. God is faithful to raise up all who are bowed down. V.14b (**Ps. 146:8**)

C. God is faithful to provide our needs in due season. V.15

(**Ps. 111:5; 132:15; 136:25; 146:7; 104:27**)

D. God is faithful to satisfy the desires of all living things. (**Ps. 104:21, 28; Matt. 6**)

V. A revival of God's atoning righteousness. V.17-20

A. Revival begins with recognition of the **atoning** righteousness of God. V.17

B. Revival begins with a recognition of our **dependency** on the atoning righteousness of God. V.18a (**Deut. 4:7**)

C. Revival begins with a recognition of the **truth** of God's atoning righteousness. V.18b

D. Revival begins with a recognition of the **fear** of God's atoning righteousness. V.19a

E. Revival begins with a recognition of the **need** for God's atoning righteousness. V.19b

F. Revival begins with a recognition of the **love** for God's atoning righteousness. V.20

VI. A recommitment to an advertising praise. V.21

"God's greatness is the reason for our praise."

"If any one would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing. Could you, therefore, work miracles, you could not do more for yourself than by this thankful spirit; for it heals with a word, and turns all that it touches into happiness." –William Law, Christian Quotations, pp.738

"Look at the very birds on earth – how they shame us! Dear little creatures, if you watch them when they are singing, you will sometimes wonder how so much sound can come out of such diminutive bodies. How they throw their whole selves into the music, and seem to melt themselves away in song! How the wing vibrates, the throat pulsates, and every part of their body rejoices to assist the strain! This is the way in which we ought to praise God." – C.H. Spurgeon, Christian Quotations, pp.739