

YOUR KINGDOM REIGNS

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PSALM 145

Peter Gott expressed in a beautiful way his desire to see God's Kingdom manifested here on earth. Using Psalm 145 as his inspiration, Gott writes that *Your Kingdom Reigns* is "an anthem to unite people in worship of Jesus, our King."

The psalmist David shares that same desire! He wants God to be exalted, to be lifted high in praise every day! I wonder if that could be said of you and I? Are our lives centered around making much of Jesus every day? Some may wonder amidst moments of challenging circumstances of life if there is even reason to praise God every day. During those moments, I want to encourage you to review Psalm 145 and you'll find many good reasons to give God praise. The following is a short list:

- **God's greatness is so unique, we can't even understand it** (145:3).
- **God has done wonderful, awesome works** (145:4-5).
- **God's goodness is abundant** (145:7).
- **God is compassionate** (145:9).
- **God is sovereign** (145:13).
- **God is trustworthy and faithful** (145:13).
- **God lifts up the weak and supplies their needs** (145:14-15).

David gives us good reason to daily praise God. You may want to spend some time meditating and committing to memory this list of God's greatness and then give consideration to all the ways that God's goodness is abundant in your life. Where have you seen God's compassion? How is God's sovereignty displayed in your life and in the world around you? In what ways has God been trustworthy and faithful to you in the past, this week, today? Once you do that, this Scripture and Gott's song will come alive as you call to mind God's greatness.

Drawing from the Lord's Prayer, Gott gives special attention to the Kingdom of God:

Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
Let Heaven rise within.
Your servants we will ever be,
To glorify our King.

In other words, let God's Kingdom be established on the earth through the sovereign reign of Jesus in the heart of every believer. May we each live out the Kingdom values as expressed through Jesus teaching in the gospels. And may we live each day to make much of Him and all that he has done and is continuing to do in our lives and in the world around us. The invitation for all of us is to partner with Him in bringing Gospel transformation to our corner of the world.

**Forever you reign,
Lord of all.
Hallelujah!**