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Introduction

Today is World Missions Offering Sunday, a day we pause to remember and participate in God's global purpose. Our text today, Psalm 145:1-13, is a Psalm attributed to David, often described as a "Song in G Major." It serves as a profound hymn of praise, highlighting God's greatness, goodness, grace, and glory.

This psalm not only exalts God's character, but it also underscores our responsibility to proclaim His name to every generation and nation. It is a call to the world. It demonstrates how God's character compels His people to go, give, and share the Good News until all nations worship Him.

Let's read together Psalm 145:1-13. 



I. The Greatness of God Compels Our Worship (vv.1-3)

"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day, I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

a. David begins with personal praise, but it's grounded in something far bigger than him. He praises God because God is great beyond comprehension. There is no ceiling to God's greatness - no end to His worthiness. And here's the connection to missions: Worship fuels missions. We cannot remain silent when we are captivated by God's greatness. When the church is awed, the nations will hear His name.

b. Every believer should recognize that God's greatness is beyond comprehension. Why does missions matter? Because the God we serve is not small. He is infinitely worthy of praise, not just from us, but from everyone. We cannot keep Him to ourselves if we genuinely believe God is great.



II. The Goodness of God Demands Our Witness for Every Generation (vv. 4-7)

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.”

a. David highlights the generational mission. Faith isn't inherited biologically; just because my family is Christian doesn't mean I am a believer. It must be proclaimed and received. This begins in our families and communities, but it does not end there. The mission of God is for every generation and every nation through every believer. This requires our giving, our going, and our praying.

b. World missions is not simply the responsibility of Free Will Baptist International Missions. It's about every believer carrying the message of God's works to those who have not heard. Whether it's a child in your home, your neighbor at the market, a tribe in Sub-Saharan Africa, or an atheist in Europe, the calling is the same: “Tell of His wonderful works.”

c. God's greatness is not only for us to enjoy, but also for us to share. David pictures a people passing the torch from one generation to the next and from one nation to another.

d. World Missions is about telling and testifying to what God has done in Christ. It's about inviting every tribe, tongue, and language to celebrate His abundant goodness.

e. There are still thousands of people groups (7,248, comprising 3.49 billion people, or 41.8% of the Earth's population) with little to no access to the Gospel. An astounding 85% of these unreached people groups do not even know a Christian.

f. As we read in Romans 10:14 – How will they know unless someone tells them? We are the generation that must declare it.



III. The Glory of God Calls for Global Proclamation (vv. 8-13)

“The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love... Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

a. These verses shift from personal praise to global proclamation. Notice that, “The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.” His kingdom is local, universal, and eternal.

b. What kind of God are we inviting people to know? A gracious, compassionate, and loving God.

c. When we give, go, pray, and partner in missions, we aren't expanding our reach; we are joining His kingdom work.

d. This is why we participate in the World Missions Offering. The task is bigger than any person or church. God calls us to complete this task together by sharing the message of the Gospel with the people of the world. The world is lost, but our God is great and should be known by everyone.

e. It is about the Gospel! The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation. It is the greatest message the world has ever heard, breaking the chains of sin, reconciling humanity to God, and bringing eternal hope to all who believe. (Continue to next page)

It is not merely good advice, but Good News: that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, forgiveness is offered, peace with God is made possible, and new life is given by grace through faith. The Gospel transcends culture, language, and time, reaching into the most profound human need with divine love and truth. Wherever it is proclaimed and received, lives are changed, communities are renewed, and the light of Christ pushes back the darkness.

f. That's why we give. That's why we go. That's why we pray. Not because we are driven by guilt, but because God's glory captures us. His reign is everlasting, and His heart is for the nations.



Conclusion

Psalm 145 ends with a vision: a world filled with praise. It begins with one man lifting up God's name and ends with "*all your works*" giving thanks, and "*all your faithful people*" blessing Him.

Church, this is what the World Missions Offering is about.

- It's not a fundraiser. **It's an act of worship.**
- It's not charity. **It's a step of obedience.**
- It's not a sacrifice. **It's a privilege to be a part of what God is doing in the world.**

Let us give joyfully. Let us pray fervently. Let us live boldly...until all the nations sing with us:

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. (v. 13)



Close in prayer and take up offering.
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