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## “Your Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom” (Psalm 145:1-13)

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

- 1 I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- 4 One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
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and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- 6 They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9 The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10 All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,  
12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.



Today I want to invite you to examine the meaning of the lordship (or the kingship) of God over our lives. Just as David confessed, 'I will exalt you, my God the King,' can we also confess that God is our king?

Here is the king of Israel, David, and yet, he calls God 'my King.' David knows more than anyone else what it is like to be a king. He does not hesitate to address God as his King.

As for us, living in the 21st century and not having experienced what life under a monarchy looks like, we have difficulty understanding the term 'my King.' We understand what a constitutional monarchy is, that is where the king or queen has a symbolic presence at best. But what does a true monarchy look like, where the king or the queen rules over his or her subjects?

When David says, 'God my King,' he is not placing any limitation on God as the sovereign ruler in our lives. He is absolute, and his authority is final.

Great is the LORD

In verse 3, David says,

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. (NIV)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. (ESV)

Yes, we must, first of all, recognize how great God is, and why therefore his greatness demands our worship.

We see his greatness in creation. Have you ever been to the Grand Canyon?

It is a great canyon that stretches almost 450 km, which is longer than the distance between Toronto and Ottawa. It is 30 km wide at one point and almost 2 km in depth. When I visited a few years ago, I simply stood in awe. I was part of a bus tour, and the visit was very brief. If you have time, the proper way to see the Canyon is by hiking down all the way and then climbing up. Can you imagine the majestic contours of the place? Some even get on to a raft and follow along the Colorado River on a two-week excursion.

The 30 km of the vast divide shows how big this place is. But for God, this creation is only like a wrinkle on the surface of the earth! God is great.



David says he will praise God every day and as long as he shall live. There is no end to praising God. God alone is the absolute ruler of our lives.

The problem with us humans is that we think we are great, and sometimes there are those who direct God's glory to themselves. How dangerous it is!

In Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar became proud. One day he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon and said to himself, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" Pride and arrogance are usually the signs of an imminent downfall. Immediately after this, King Nebuchadnezzar was struck with a mental illness. He was driven from his people and spent the next 7 years eating grass like the ox and living in the wilderness.

After seven years, he came to his own senses and confessed the following:

"... I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever."

History is full of warnings.

Hitler was convinced that his race (German) was the best. He set out to eradicate the Jewish race and more. His attack included most of Europe. But what happened to this mad man? Did he not kill himself in seclusion?

What about Stalin? He ruled the Soviet Union for nearly 30 years (1924-1953). He ruined so many people's lives and killed hundreds of thousands of people. In 1937 he ordered all Koreans living in the far eastern Russian region of Primorsky Krai (연해주) to get on the cargo trains bound for Western Russia. When they got to Central Asia, they were literally kicked out of the train. Many died that winter in cold. Their descendants are known as Karesky (고려인).

Now the current Russian president Putin wants to revive Russian pride. He has already annexed Crimea and now placed 100,000 troops along the Ukraine border.

If he is trying to prove how great he is, he will head for a doomed failure. No one is great except God. No one is absolute except God. No one is forever to be praised except God.

History attests to this fact.

He is forever to be praised



David says in verse 4 that “one generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.” Notice he says one generation experiences God’s greatness (great works) and tells it to the next generation. Generation after generation, people bear witness to God’s greatness. So, the praise of God continues forever and ever.

Everyone knows who BTS is. I did not BTS until last year. Then, I checked the group out. I liked their song, ‘Permission to Dance.’ Then, I listened to their other songs like ‘Butter’ and ‘Dynamite.’ They are now superstars, no question about that.

But give one or two generations, and you will have people who do not know who BTS is. I remember not too long ago, I listened to Bay City Rollers, Backstreet Boys, and Westlife. These groups used to be famous like BTS is today.

No one, no group can hold onto popularity forever as nothing is permanent in the world. Famous people will come and go. But the LORD is to be forever praised. One generation discovers how good He is and passes on the experience to the next generation. Generation after generation, the experience of His goodness lives on in the hearts of His people. He is to be forever praised!

David summarizes like this:

They tell of the power of your awesome works

And I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness

And joyfully sing of your righteousness. (vv. 6-7)

Here we have a wonderful account of people’s experience of God, that is shared from generation to generation.

In my generation gospel singers like Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, and Don Moen sang His praises. God will raise up other praise singers in the next generation and so on.

His Kingdom is everlasting



The psalmist ends the first section of the psalm with this statement:

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

And your dominion endures through all generations. (vs. 13)

Yes, we can all say that God's kingdom is here to stay forever. His dominion does not stop.

That means we must invest our time and effort in the things that last. Yes, we must live for the kingdom of God, and not for only anything else that fades away.

For those of you, the first-time parents, your lives revolve around your child (children). They mean everything to you. When they go to a daycare or a kindergarten and bring back their 'artwork,' you are so glad to see it. You keep it somewhere because it means a lot to you. The child goes to school and brings back all the artwork, report cards, albums, and so on. You keep them all because they mean a lot to you. How long do you keep them? Until they get married and leave your nest?

All things associated with your children have some value, but you know that they are not forever important. At some point, you are going to let them go. So, don't focus on your child. Focus on your child's relationship with the eternal King. Help him or her to get to know the Savior and help him/her cultivate a lifelong relationship with the LORD.

Let us remember that His Kingdom is forever. His dominion will be forever.

Our Bible verse for the whole church in 2022 is "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). How can we seek His kingdom first in our lives, knowing especially well that only His kingdom will last forever?

Let us begin with praising the wonderful Savior each day, for He shall be praised forever.

Ask the LORD to show you how you can live out for the Kingdom cause in the new year. Ask Him to give you wisdom and peace as you try to obey his call.

May the LORD bless you all.