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**Pray Like Jesus**

**Psalm 145**

“Our great fear should not be that people leave our church, but that they would stay in our church and remain unchanged.” Jim Cymbala

“We can do more than pray *after* we have prayed, but we cannot do more than pray *until* we have prayed.” Alistair Begg

“Worship based prayer seeks the face of God before the hand of God. God’s face is the essence of who He is. God’s hand is the blessing of what he does. God’s face represents His person and presence. God’s hand expresses His provision for needs in our lives. I have learned that if all we ever do is seek God’s hand, we may miss His face; but if we seek His face, He will be glad to open His hand and satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts.” Daniel Henderson

Worship is the response of all we are to the revelation of all God is.

(Read John 17:1-26)

The purpose of John 17 Christ’s “High Priestly Prayer”

 God’s glory

 God’s people being sanctified and motivated for God’s glory

 Unity of God’s people for witness to God’s glory

“Prayerlessness is the declaration of our independence from God”

* Daniel Henderson

The question is not how much of the Holy Spirit I have, but how much of me does the Holy Spirit have?

Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer

Let’s practice this together, here, now…

Psalm 145:1-2 *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.*

Psalm 145:3 *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Psalm 145:4 *One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

Psalm 145:5-7 *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.*

Psalm 145:8-9 *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

Psalm 145:10-13 *All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]*

Psalm 145:14 *The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.*

Psalm 145:15-17 *the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.*

Psalm 145:18-20 *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.*

Psalm 145:21 *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

This is what we will be doing for eternity…

Revelation 7:9-12 *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Revelation 7:12 *saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!”*

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Prayer:

Psalm 115:1 *Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness*