

**Introduction: Prophecy was being fulfilled before their very eyes.**

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB) "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Psalms 118: 21-29 (NASB) "This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous will enter through it. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation. The stone, which the builders rejected, has become the chief corner stone. This is the LORD'S doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we have blessed you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. For His loving-kindness is everlasting."



Read: Psalm 145

**Four reasons for praising the greatness of our God.**

**First: David praises God for the greatness of His REDEMPTION.**

Psalms 145:4-7 (NLT) "I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power."

Matthew 21:9 (NASB) "The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!'"

**Second: David praises God for the greatness of His COMPASSION.**

Psalms 145:8-9 (NLT) "The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation."

Exodus 34:6 (NASB) "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."

Luke 19:41-44 (NASB) "When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 'For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.'"

Hebrews 5:7 (NASB) "In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety."

**Third, David praises God for the greatness of His KINGDOM.**

Psalms 145:10-13 (NLT) "All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign. For your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. You rule throughout all generations."

Daniel 4:34-35 (NIV) "His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'"

Mark 11:9-10 (NASB) "Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!'"

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### Fourth, David praises God the greatness of His **FAITHFULNESS**.

Psalms 145:13b-20 (NLT) “For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The LORD always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does. The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. The LORD is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. The LORD protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked.”

#### **He gives help to the falling. (vs 14)**

“The LORD sustains all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down.”

#### **He gives food to all His creatures. (vs 15-16)**

“The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

#### **He answers those who pray. (vs 18-19)**

“The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.”

#### **He gives protection to all those who are His. (vs 20)**

“The LORD keeps all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.”

Philippians 2:6-11 (NASB) “Although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

### **Application:**

Since it's true that nothing else in life will come into proper focus until you understand and know God, it is never too early or too late to begin aligning your life with Him.

Have you embraced God's wonderful gift of redemption?

yes  no  I don't know?

Can you praise God for the compassion you have experienced?

Do you enjoy daily the faithfulness of God to see you through day by day.

How do you express your gratitude to our great and awesome God?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to accommodate what God has shown you today?

Memory Verse: Daniel 11:32b (NASB) “The people who know their God will display strength and take action.”