

The God of the Open Hand

Psalm 145

(Teacher: Murray McLellan)

Main Idea: David magnifies the greatness and goodness of God, which should kindle in us God-centered hope, peace, and awe.

- I. Praise God for His Unsearchable Greatness (1-3)
- II. Praise God for His Wondrous Works (4-6)
- III. Praise God for His Abundant Goodness (7-9)
- IV. Praise God for His Kingly Reign (10-13a)
- V. Praise God for His Satisfying Kindness (13b-21)
 - The Psalmist's view – God of the open hand
 - Distorted view – god of the closed hand
 - The “Cross-eyed” view - Beholding the God of the open hand

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- **Hosting Gatherings:** Today: Junction/Mosaic; Aug. 23rd South/Remnant; Aug 30th 2:15/Gateway; Sept. 6th Erindale/North; Sept. 13th Providence/Hope; Sept. 20th GR/Junction; Sept. 27th Mosaic/South; Oct 4th Remnant/2:15; Oct. 11th Gateway/Erindale; Oct. 18th North/Providence; Oct. 25th Hope/GR; Nov. 1st Junction/Mosaic; Nov. 8th South/Remnant; Nov. 15th 2:15/Gateway; Nov. 22nd Erindale/North;
- Needing 2 more leaders to apprentice in the new Gateway GC starting this September. Learn more and [apply here](#).
- **August 24th** – Outreach Kids Gospel Camp at Red Pheasant Cree Nation. Please pray for receptive hearts.
- **August 25th** – 7 pm – Gospel Community Leaders' Huddle at the Upper Room.
- **August 30th** - **Grace Kids Training** at 8:15 am. Please sign up on the Hub. Still needing 3-5 more servers. Talk to Donna or Melissa to see how you can play a role in commending Jesus to the next generation.
- Interested in being a part of a **Gospel Community Leaders' Cohort** that meets 3 times a year for ongoing learning and encouragement? More information here: <https://saskatoon.gracesask.com/training/>
- **Intern training** for men and women starting in Fall 2026. Deadline to register – Aug. 31. Information and application here: <https://saskatoon.gracesask.com/training/>
- **Good News Story: Promise – Part 1 - Seminar** Register at saskatoon.gracesask.com – Aug 29th, Sept. 2nd, or Sept 19th (Sept. 2nd is a new time option as the Sept. 3rd option is now full).

GOSPEL WAY CATECHISM – Part 7 – FUTURE HOPE	Church Bible Reading Plan
Question 48: What Happens To Those Who Oppose God?	August: Galatians/Ephesians
A: God will one day purge the world of evil & establish righteousness on earth. Those who oppose God will experience eternal judgment—an everlasting fate apart from him, where his life and light and goodness are experienced no more. John 3:36; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 20:11-21:8	Read the weekly Psalm passage in advance of Sunday

Quotes:

Church is not supposed to be an event you attend; it's supposed to be a community that you belong to. God's community was never meant to be built around one person. It was meant to be an interlocking web of love, in which every believer has a role in ministry. It's messy, it's complicated, and it's often painful. But it's worth it. ~ JD Greear

*How do you worship in the mess of life? You meditate on the great works of God, and then worship the God revealed in those works. Worship is a statement you make about the character of God. You **believe** His works in the past; **worship** Him in your situation in the present; and then **trust** Him with your future. Are you falling? He will uphold you! Are you bowed down? He will raise you up! Are you lonely, broken, empty? Call on Him! He is close, tender and merciful. You have to make a choice. Do you believe what the cross tells you about God? ~ Murray McLellan*

Often I have heard people say, "How good God is! We prayed that it would not rain for our church picnic, and look at the lovely weather?" Yes, God is good when he sends good weather. But God is also good when He allowed my sister, Betsie, to starve to death before my eyes in a Nazi concentration camp." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

God's goodness is a light that radiates through all his other attributes. It is the reason his omnipotence (possession of all power), omniscience (possession of all knowledge), and sovereignty (possession of all control) are a comfort instead of a terror. ~ Jen Wilkin

The lie bought by the legalist is God's fingers have to be pried open to achieve any blessing. The lie bought by the prodigal is that God is not a good father. He cannot be trusted to provide for my ultimate joy and fulfillment. Therefore, I need to take over as my own god & decide what is good & evil for me. If we buy into the lie that God is not as good as he says he is, we will struggle to pray. Our minds wander because many of us don't know how to worship in prayer; often because we approach God as useful, which is why we need to discipline ourselves to pray. But it is when we find God beautiful; that's when we love to pray. ~ Murray McLellan

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Next Sunday: August 30th – Message: Summer in the Psalms – Psalm 147 – Mark Halliday

Hosting: 2:15 & Gateway Gospel Communities

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