

Let Us Examine 4 of God's Characteristics  
(Psalm 145:8)

Introduction:

1. David began this Psalm by stating how he would bless God's name forever (vs.1-2).
2. Throughout this Psalm David showed why God deserves such praise.
  - a. (vs.3) God deserves to be praised because His "greatness is unsearchable."
  - b. God deserves to be praised because of His characteristics listed in vs.8: He is "gracious," He is "full of compassion," He is "slow to anger," and He is "of great mercy."
  - c. God also deserves to be praised because of how He demonstrates His characteristics in what He does for His people (vs.14, 18-19).
3. While David gave other reasons for praising God that deserve our attention, "let us examine 4 of God's characteristics."
4. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. THESE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD ARE MENTIONED MANY TIMES IN THE PSALMS
  - A. See Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 111:4; 116:5.
  - B. The Scriptures also illustrate how God possesses these qualities.
- II. GOD DEMONSTRATED THESE CHARACTERISTICS IN HIS RESPONSE TO SOLOMON'S PRAYER (2 CHRONICLES)
  - A. (2 Chronicles 5:1) Solomon completed the temple.
  - B. At the dedication of the temple Solomon prayed (2 Chronicles 6).
    1. He began by praising God for keeping His word (vs.12-17).
    2. He asked God to hear his prayer and the prayers of His people (vs.18-21).
    3. He asked God to forgive His people in the future when they sinned against Him (vs.22-39).
  - C. God responded to Solomon's prayer (2 Chronicles 7).
    1. (vs.12-16) God answered Solomon's request for his people.
      - a. Because of their sins, God might punish them in various ways.
      - b. However, if the people returned to Him, God would forgive them and heal their land.
      - c. He would demonstrate His great characteristics of being gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.
    2. (vs.17-22) God called upon Solomon to serve Him faithfully.

Conclusion:

1. God still possesses the characteristics that David listed in Psalm 145:8.
2. He will forgive and bless His people who:
  - a. humble themselves (James 4:10)
  - b. pray (James 5:16)
  - c. seek His face (1 Peter 3:12)
  - d. turn from their wicked ways (1 Peter 3:10-11).