

Psalm 145

This Psalm is structured as an acrostic. The Hebrew letters are in the left column and the word or phrase from the first word in Hebrew that contains that letter is underlined in English.

1. Opening (parallels closing)

- Aleph 1 - I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Bet 2 - Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Gimel 3 - Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

2. A praiseworthy king (second person; parallels section #4 in reverse order – see back)

- Dalet 4 - One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
He 5 - On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
Waw 6 - And they shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.
Zain 7 - They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

3. God Greatness (third person descriptions of God)

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

4. A praiseworthy kingdom (second person; parallels section #2 in reverse order - see back)

- Yod 10 - All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
Kaph 11 - They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
Lamed 12 - to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Mem 13a - Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

5. God's greatness (third person descriptions of God; in 2 parallel sections – see back)

- Nun 13b - The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
Samek 14 - The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
Ain 15 - The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
Pe 16 - You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Zade 17 - The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
Qoph 18 - The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
Resh 19 - He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
Shin 20 - The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

6. Closing (parallels opening)

- Taw 21 - My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

The reverse parallelism of sections #2 and #4

- 4 - One **generation** shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
- 5 - On **the glorious splendor** of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- 6 - And they **shall speak** of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.
- 7 - **They (your works) shall pour forth the fame** of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 10 - All **your works shall give thanks** to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
- 11 - They **shall speak** of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
- 12 - to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and **the glorious splendor** of your kingdom.
- 13a - Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all **generations**.

The parallels between the two parts of section #5

Verses 13b-16	Verses 17-20
<p>General parallel statement</p> <p>13b - The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.</p>	<p>General parallel statement</p> <p>17 - The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.</p>
<p>The weak and oppressed – two “all who” statements</p> <p>14 - The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.</p>	<p>The endangered – two “all who” statements</p> <p>18 - The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.</p>
<p>Specifically God supplies food</p> <p>15 - The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16 - You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.</p>	<p>Specifically God helps those in danger</p> <p>19 - He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. 20 - The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.</p>