

## Blessing God May Be Costly

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1-13

**Psalm 145:1 – Blessing God is an eternal service.**

**Psalm 145:2 – Blessing God is a daily service.**

**Psalm 145:3 – Blessing God is a mysterious pursuit.**

**Psalm 145:4 – Blessing God is successional.**

It is an ongoing occupation from one generation to another. It is the continuation of a perpetual theme. It characterizes the corporate personality of all saints.

**Psalm 145:5-7 - Blessing God is verbal.**

Our actions need to accompany this, but there is no way we can bless God with total silence. We must speak.

**Psalm 145:8-9 – Blessing God is focused on the attributes and actions of the Lord.**

To declare His glory is to describe who He is and what He does (e.g. gracious, compassionate, patient, merciful, and completely good cp. Psalm 145:14, 17-18, 20).

**Psalm 145:10-13 – Blessing God is confirming the glory of God's works in the universe.**

Blessing God conveys God's kingdom's authority, power, and eternal supremacy. Note Psalm 145:1. We will bless Him forever because He has included us in His forever kingdom!

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The missionary report which follows this devotional message is a report on the persecution of the saints in the Middle East. Many of us have great freedom to worship and bless God. We have so much privilege that we have time to argue and fight over our worship styles. Some of the worship forms in our culture truly are extravagant, worldly entertainment which can distract from worshipping God in spirit and in truth. Nevertheless, in other parts of the world there is no time or resources to be so divided over style. It may cost you your life to publicly bless God / The Son of God.