

Psalms 145:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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David commits to daily, perpetual worship—bēyom-yom (בַּיּוֹם-יּוֹם) "day by day" emphasizes habitual practice, not occasional devotion. The verb abarekeka (אָבַרְקָה) "I will bless" uses the intensive (Piel) form, indicating passionate, wholehearted blessing of God—a striking reversal where the creature blesses the Creator who first blessed him.

I will praise thy name for ever and ever extends praise beyond earthly life into eternity—le-olam va-ed (לְעוֹלָם וְאֶד), literally "to perpetuity and beyond." God's shem (שם) "name" represents His revealed character and covenant identity. This verse models the believer's calling: daily worship in time anticipating eternal worship in glory.

Historical Context

Psalm 145 is the only psalm titled 'A Praise of David' and is the final Davidic psalm in the Psalter. Written as an acrostic (each verse beginning with successive Hebrew letters, though nun is missing), it emphasizes comprehensive, ordered praise. Jews recite this psalm three times daily in synagogue liturgy, considering those who do so as assured of the world to come (Talmud, Berachot 4b).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What practical steps could make daily blessing of God a genuine habit rather than mere religious routine?
2. How does the promise to praise 'for ever and ever' reshape priorities and concerns about temporary circumstances?
3. In what ways can believers 'bless' God when He is the source of all blessing?

Interlinear Text

לְעוֹלָם שֶׁ מִנְבָּרָכְךָ בָּרוּךְ תִּפְאַלְלָה אַתָּה אֱלֹהִים בְּכָל יּוֹם וְלֹא יְהִי כָּל־יָמִין
H3605 Every day H3117 will I bless H1288 thee and I will praise H1984 thy name H8034 for ever H5769 and ever H5703

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 7:15 (Parallel theme): Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Psalms 71:6 (Resurrection): By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.