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# The Greatness Of God

Who can fully describe the greatness of God? Since God is far above mankind, we cannot ever expect for our human minds to completely understand His greatness. But, we can understand what God has revealed about Himself to us.

God has revealed Himself to mankind in two ways. First, God has revealed Himself to mankind through nature. The Psalmist identifies that this is one of the ways we learn about God, in Psalm 19:1: “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” Paul helps us to see the same thing in Romans 1:19-21. He says, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Therefore, we can know that God exists, that He is God, and that He possesses limitless power – by observing the things that God has created!

Second, God has revealed Himself to mankind through His word. The word of God is the perfect revelation of God and His will to mankind. It not only teaches us about who God is, but also tells us how we should respond to this great and awesome God. Psalm 145 is an excellent example of this – and one that we will spend our time evaluating during the course of this lesson in order to gain a better understanding of God’s greatness.

“I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will

bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

“One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

“All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

“The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

“The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.”

For the purposes of this study that attempts to introduce us to God’s greatness by examining this passage, let’s consider four points. First, we want to notice how this God who is great is identified. Second, we want to observe some “snapshots” of God’s greatness. Third, we want to consider some attributes of God’s greatness. And, fourth, we want to consider how we should respond to God’s greatness.

## The God Who Is Great

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The study of the way God is identified in the Scriptures helps us to understand His greatness. Specifically, there are three ways this God who is great is identified in Psalm 145. For the purposes of this

lesson, let's just spend our time observing these and allow them to help us learn about God's marvelous greatness.

## **He is God**

The usual term that individuals will use to refer to this one who is greater than all others is "God." This is how David began in Psalm 145. "I will extol You, my God, O King" (verse 1). This is also the first way that God is identified in the Bible. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

This is the Hebrew word "Elohim." It is the plural form of the Hebrew word "Eloah." It is certainly worth considering the fact that this same term is also used in the Bible to reference false gods on several occasions. For instance, the Israelites who had come out of Egypt determined to make "gods" that would go before them, which effort resulted in the golden calf (see Exodus 32). Furthermore, this term is even used of the human judges of Israel in Psalm 82:1 and 6.

Certainly, then, this is a word that identifies authority, power, the ability to rule, and supremacy. For instance, the people throughout the world would often bow themselves before and worship false gods because they truly believed that they were worthy of such adoration and devotion. Yet, as we appreciate the greatness of the one true and living God, we must understand that this God is far above all other gods. Psalm 95:3, for instance, says, "For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods." Even in Psalm 82 (when the word "Elohim" is used of Israel's human judges), the psalm correctly points out that even they were "children of the Most High," would "die like men," and "fall like one of the princes" (verses 6-7). But, verse 8 says, "Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations."

Therefore, the one true and eternal God far surpasses the greatness of any others who are perceived as having power, authority, etc.! This God even instructed the people, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). This God is truly worthy of being worshiped and adored!

Then, we also should briefly consider the significance of the Hebrew term "Elohim" being plural. Although the Bible teaches that "The Lord our God, the Lord is one!" (Deuteronomy 6:4), the Bible also teaches that there are three distinct Persons who possess the nature of being God. For instance, "God" ("Elohim," plural) said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). Genesis 1:2 also indicates the presence of the "Spirit of

God" and the New Testament helps us to see that Jesus Christ was active in creating all things (see John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16). Both of these are also identified as "God" in the Bible. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And, Acts 5 indicates that lying to the Holy Spirit was lying to God (see verses 3 and 4). So, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all possess the full nature of being God; but all are perfectly unified as one God!

## **He is King**

Not only does David introduce us to the great God who is far above all other gods, but He also introduces us to the God who is King. Again, Psalm 145:1 says, "I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever." But, this God is not just any King. This God is the greatest King to ever reign!

He is depicted in the Scriptures as being the King of kings. Listen to the way He is depicted in 1 Timothy 6:13-16. "I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen."

Even the greatest kings and rulers who have lived on this earth have been defeated (if only by death). But, God will always reign as King of over His Kingdom. Furthermore, the majesty of all other kings were both temporary and only possessed limited power. But, the God who is King of kings possesses limitless power and His majesty is such that He even is pictured as dwelling in "unapproachable light." He is the one who is worthy of great honor and devotion. Though all kings may possess a certain degree of sovereignty (authority, control), God is the only one who is completely sovereign in that He has the power and right to control all things!

Then, another essential element to understanding the greatness of God as King is to recognize the greatness of His kingdom. Throughout the millennia, there have been many powerful kings who reigned over great kingdoms. But, they all have either fallen or will fall. But, God's kingdom (which is His church) is an everlasting kingdom. Psalm 145:11

says that the glory of God's kingdom will be spoken about. And, Psalm 145:13 says, "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations."

All of this confirms that God is truly the King of kings. His glory will never be diminished. His kingdom will never be overthrown or defeated. His majesty will always be worshiped and adored. And, His sovereignty will always rule.

### **He is LORD**

As a third way this great God is identified in Psalm 145, verse 3 says, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised...." Most translations of the Bible will have the word "LORD" (and sometimes "GOD") in small caps in order to identify the four letter sequence in the Hebrew text "YHWH." This is because the early Hebrew text did not contain vowels, only consonants. Since it is not known exactly what vowels should be inserted to pronounce the name of God correctly, the Jews (centuries before Jesus) began substituting "Lord" for "YHWH." This was done out of respect for God and fear that they would use His name in vain (as condemned in Exodus 20:7).

Ordinarily, this name of God is pronounced as "Yahweh" (or Jehovah, from "YaHoWaH"). In the Bible, this tetragrammaton ("YHWH") is used 6,828 times (in the Old Testament, as it is not used in the New Testament). Psalm 83:18 says, "That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD ["YHWH"], Are the Most High over all the earth." This identification of God, then, is the most commonly used name of God and is the only truly personal name for God (as others are titles or descriptive expressions).

But, what does this name mean and how does it help us to understand God's greatness? The name is commonly believed to have identified God as self-existent and eternal. It is comparable to what God identified about Himself to Moses in Exodus 3 at the burning bush. After God had told Moses that he would lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses asked God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" (verse 13). Then, God told Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He continued, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'" (verse 14).

This God was truly different from all others. This God ("YHWH") has always existed, exists presently, and will always exist. He is not dependent

upon anyone or anything else. He is perfectly sovereign and fully eternal. He is the only one who had no need of a creator. He existed in the time of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), He existed in the time of Moses, He exists today, and He will always exist. Psalm 90:2 says, "Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." He is praised in Revelation 4:8 by four living creatures, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" There has never been and will never be a time when God is *not*. He is the great "I AM"!

Then, please appreciate that this name of God ("YHWH") does not just apply to the Father. For instance, during the events recorded in Genesis 11 (when the peoples of the earth were attempting to build a tower that reached the heavens and make a name for themselves), the "LORD" ("YHWH") said, "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So, the "LORD" ("YHWH") is said to have "scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city" (verses 6-8). In John 8:58, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Many other passages could also be cited with these. But, suffice these to illustrate that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all "LORD" ("YHWH").

## **Snapshots Of God's Greatness**

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Not only does Psalm 145 help us to learn about God's greatness from the way God is identified, but it also provides a few "snapshots" of God's greatness. Consider four specific references in Psalm 145 that present a few phrases that are used to describe God's greatness.

### **Unsearchable greatness**

Verse 3 states, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable." The greatness of God is something that we cannot fully understand as human beings. God is far more magnificent, wise, and powerful than our finite minds will ever be able to comprehend. Therefore, no one on this earth will ever come to a complete understanding of who God is. This is a life-long process of continuing

to grow in our understandings of God and our appreciation of His greatness.

Romans 11:33-36 continues this picture of God's unsearchable greatness. "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?' 'Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?' For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

Through what God has revealed about His greatness, we can only begin to fully appreciate and understand the true level of God's greatness. For instance, through the God-inspired writings contained in the pages of the Bible, "the manifold wisdom of God" is "made known" (see Ephesians 3:8-11). This is particularly relative to God's "manifold wisdom" in His plan for saving mankind. God's greatness truly is "unsearchable"!

### ***Mighty, wondrous, and awesome***

This "unsearchable" greatness of God has been demonstrated to mankind in both His creation and in His word. And, whenever mankind becomes aware of what this great God has accomplished, notice the kinds of terms that are used to describe them. For now, just consider the things that are said in Psalm 145. Verse 4 speaks of declaring God's "mighty acts." Verse 5 speaks of meditating on "the glorious splendor" of God's majesty and on God's "wondrous works." Verse 6 says that men will speak of the "might" of God's "awesome acts," and declare God's greatness.

Just consider that this is the God who was able to speak this world into existence and create all things you see around you – and even the things which cannot be seen. This is the God who was able to cause the flood to cover the entire earth. This is the God who was able to part the Red Sea. This is the God who was able to cause the sun to stand still and the sundial to turn back. This is the God who has been able to defeat powerful armies in miraculous ways. This is the God who was able to cause the walls around Jericho to fall after being encircled by the Israelites. This is the God who caused a great fish to swallow Jonah and to release him at the appointed time. This is the God who walked on the water. This is the God who rebuked the winds and the sea so that they would calm. This is the God who healed the sick, made the lame to walk, caused the blind to see, and even raised the dead.

As you contemplate these works of the great God, surely you also should consider that He performs "mighty acts," that His splendor is glorious in majesty, that His works are "wondrous," and that He performs "awesome acts." Yes, we should stand in awe of this great God!

### ***Glorious majesty of His kingdom***

As we have just seen, this great God has majesty like no other! Psalm 145:5 says, "I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works." Then, as we saw earlier in this study, God's kingdom is far superior to any other kingdom that has ever existed or will ever exist.

Psalm 145:10-13 describes, "All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations."

His kingdom is everlasting. This is His church/His collection of people who will be saved. All the kingdoms of men will pass away and be defeated. But, the kingdom of God will stand. And, because His kingdom will stand, He will always reign as King over them. His majesty will never expire or diminish. His people will always be serving, worshiping, and glorifying the "glorious splendor" of God's majesty in His kingdom!

### ***Holy name***

Psalm 145 also says one additional thing about the name of God than what we have already observed. Notice verse 21. "My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD [YHWH], And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever."

God's name (which indicates who He is) is far greater than any other name that has ever been on the lips of mankind! It is called "holy." To be holy is to be separated or set apart from that which is common, unclean, or profane. So, the fact that God's name is holy indicates that there is no other name like it. None are so precious. None indicate so much authority and power. None match or even approach God's splendor.

Psalm 111:9 says, "He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name." Speaking of Jesus, Philippians 2:9-11 says that "God also has highly

exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Interestingly, this passage in Philippians 2 contains a quotation from Isaiah 45:23, in a reference to the “LORD” (“YHWH”). God’s name is truly one that inspires awe and is set apart from all others!

## Attributes Of God’s Greatness

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Remember that God has made His greatness known to mankind in two ways. First, through His creation and, second, through His written word (the Bible). Although we cannot fully appreciate or understand the greatness of God, we must make it our life’s ambition to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God. As we do this, we must recognize that we are not given the liberty to make the greatness of God into something that we want it to be. We must accept the greatness of God as He really is. Primarily, we discover the many wonderful attributes of God’s greatness through the pages of the Bible. Therefore, we must allow God’s revelation to mold our understanding of what His greatness is actually like. For the purposes of this study, we will only be compiling attributes of God’s greatness from Psalm 145.

### ***Sovereignty***

Although the text in Psalm 145 does not directly use the word “sovereignty” (or another form of it), the concept of sovereignty can be plainly seen. In verses 4-7 (as previously quoted), God’s works are depicted as “mighty,” “wondrous,” and “awesome.” God is entirely self-reliant and is the only one who possess full authority, power, and majesty over all things.

### *Grace*

Psalm 145:8 says, “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion....” Verse 17 says that He is “Gracious in all His works.” Grace is central to God’s greatness. He repeatedly demonstrates that He cares about those He has created. His grace is seen in that God gives blessings to those who are undeserving to

receive such. Particularly, God’s great grace is seen in that He gives sinners the opportunity to have everlasting salvation in Heaven.

### ***Mercy***

Psalm 145:8-9 says, “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.” God’s mercy is manifested in that He does *not* give to people what they do deserve. Most prevalently, God’s mercy is understood in that He is willing to forgive sins and *not* punish people for their sins (if they will turn away from their unrighteousness and live for Him). Then, notice that this attribute of God’s greatness is seen “over all His works.”

### ***Goodness***

Psalm 145:9 says that the “Lord is good to all.” God is the fountain from whom all good blessings flow. James 1:17, for instance, says that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” Furthermore, God is willing to extend His goodness to all mankind without partiality. He has, indeed, given many good things to all mankind (even those who are wicked, see Matthew 5:45). Psalm 145:14-16 demonstrates this point by saying that God upholds those who fall, raises those who are bowed down, gives food to all who look expectantly to Him, and opens His hand to “satisfy the desire of every living thing.” And, He has made all good spiritual blessings available for all mankind to partake of in Christ Jesus – if they will trust and obey Him. Yes, God truly is the source of everything that is good and necessary for life (physical and spiritual).

### ***Patience***

Psalm 145:8, again, says that the Lord is “Slow to anger and great in mercy.” Now, please recognize that the Scriptures teach that God does allow His wrath (fury, anger) to burn against those who reject Him and His word. And, He is willing to exercise His vengeance upon them. However, God exercises restraint over His anger because of patience (coupled with His love). 2 Peter 3:9, for instance, says that God is “longsuffering [patient] toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” His patience, therefore, gives mankind the opportunity to find forgiveness of his sin and avoid experiencing God’s wrath.

## **Power**

Psalm 145:11 says that men will talk of God's power. God's power is truly limitless. Romans 1:19-21 identified that the creation of God has made His limitless power known to mankind. He, as has already been demonstrated, is the God who was able to create the universe, the world, and all life when there was nothing! Furthermore, His limitless power has been demonstrated throughout the pages of the Bible.

## **Righteousness**

Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works." There is nothing that is wicked or unequitable in God. He is entirely fair, and He is entirely pure. In fact, 1 John 1:5 depicts God being as separated from evil as light is separated from darkness. There is not even a shadow of evil in God. Therefore, God is incapable of lying, of judging people unfairly, etc. He is the perfect manifestation of everything that is good.

## **Salvation**

Psalm 145:18-20 says, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy." God will save those who come to Him to escape the consequences of their sins (i.e. eternal punishment in Hell fire, see Revelation 21:8). Then, please appreciate that as great as this God is and as far above mankind as He is, this passage indicates (as do others) that we have access to Him and His saving power! If we will completely trust and obey Him, calling upon Him for salvation, He will save and preserve us!

## **Severity**

Psalm 145:20, again, says, "The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy." In this list of God's great attributes, we have repeatedly seen the goodness, grace, mercy, and saving power that belongs to God – that He is willing to show to those who love Him. But, the Scriptures warn (as this passage does) that those who reject His goodness by refusing to obey Him will be punished. These will experience the wrath of this great and awesome God (see 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). And, whenever God chooses to show His vengeance upon the wicked, none can resist Him or overpower Him!

# **How To Respond To God's Greatness**

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Surely, the greatness of this God and all of His attributes is "unsearchable." But, as we learn more and more about His greatness, those who truly believe in Him will understand the need to respond to God's greatness in the appropriate ways. For the purposes of this lesson, consider how Psalm 145 identifies responses to God's greatness.

## ***Praise Him for His greatness***

Psalm 145:1-3 says, "I will extol [praise] You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable." Verse 10 says, "All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You." Man, who is a spiritual being who longs to worship, must direct his worship and praise to the one true and living God who possesses all of the attributes that have been depicted. One of the ways we can do this, for instance, is to sing of God's righteousness (see verse 7). We must be willing to bow ourselves in worship and praise the greatness of the Lord!

## ***Declare God's greatness to others***

Our praise and devotion to the great and awesome God must *not* be just privately held. Instead, Psalm 145 pictures those who truly recognize God's greatness as declaring His greatness to others. Verse 4 says that one generation will praise God's works to another and declare His mighty acts. Verse 6 says that men will speak of the might of God's awesome acts and declare His greatness. Verse 7 says that they will utter the memory of God's great goodness and sing of His righteousness. Verse 11 says that they will speak of the glory of God's kingdom and talk of His power. And, verse 12 says that they will make known the mighty acts of God and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Certainly, those who know of God's greatness should want others to know about God's greatness, so that they can respond to His greatness in the appropriate ways.



## **Meditate on God's glorious splendor and wondrous works**

The greatness of our God (whose greatness touches every good thing we can observe around us) ought to continually cause us to meditate on His glorious splendor and wondrous works. Psalm 145:5 says, "I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works." We should desire to be still and consider the greatness of God by observing all the wondrous things around us that He has impacted and created. Every day there are many opportunities to be reminded of just how great God is. But, we must be willing to put less important things out of our minds so that we can focus on the greatness of God and how we should respond to it.

### **Humble self in God's sight**

Recognizing God's greatness should also cause us to consider our own insignificance. We are not the ones upon whom the whole universe depends; God is. We are not the ones who possess perfect wisdom; God is. We are not the ones who possess limitless power; God is. We are not the ones who are in control of all things; God is. So, recognizing the greatness of God should cause us to bow ourselves before Him in humility. Psalm 145:14-16 (as we have already discussed) should help us to see that everything that is good comes from God and know that He is the one who raises up those who are bowed down. Therefore, as 1 Peter 5:5-6 says, we should recognize that "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" and determine to humble ourselves "under the mighty hand of God," that He may exalt us "in due time."

#### *Call on Him in truth*

We must recognize that we are entirely helpless without God. This is true both physically and spiritually. Physically, we would not even exist without God and we could certainly not navigate through life in a way that pleases Him by ourselves. Spiritually, we would be forever lost in our sins and doomed to everlasting punishment in Hell without Him. Therefore, we must call upon Him in truth, expressing our dependence upon Him. Psalm 145:18 says, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth." Notice, that we must call upon Him in truth – not just according to how we desire to call upon Him. Today, the New Testament reveals that calling upon Him involves being obedient to His plan of salvation (including the necessity of baptism, see Acts 22:16).

## **Fear Him**

This God is greatly to be feared. Psalm 96:4 says, "For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods." Therefore, Psalm 145:19 includes fearing God as one of the ways we must respond to His greatness. "He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them." There are two elements involved in fearing God: Respect (awe) and terror. Considering the attributes of God we have considered, both are reasonable responses to God's greatness. In fact, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 indicates that mankind's entire purpose in life is to fear God and keep His commandments.

### **Love Him**

We should have a great love for the God who first loved us (1 John 4:19). Psalm 145:20 says, "The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy." God not only wants us to fear Him, but He also wants us to love Him. However, He does *not* just want us to say that we love Him. Instead, 1 John 5:3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." Without God we would be nothing (physically or spiritually). Therefore, let us devote ourselves in love to the great and awesome God!

## **Conclusion**

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How great is our God! There is truly none other like Him. Therefore, let us all determine to respond properly to God's greatness. He has revealed (in the pages of the New Testament) that He will save those who hear His word, believe in His Son, repent of their sins, confess Jesus Christ, are immersed in water for the forgiveness of their sins, and are faithful to Him throughout their lives. Yes, if we will devote our entire lives to this great and awesome God, He has promised that we will live with Him eternally in Heaven one day!

## **Study Questions**

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How has God revealed His greatness to mankind?

## 1. The God Who Is Great

What does it mean for God to be “God”?

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What does it mean for God to be “King”?

## 4. How To Respond To God’s Greatness

Identify and briefly explain the 7 responses to God’s greatness discussed in the lesson.

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What does it mean for God to be “LORD”?

## 2. Snapshots Of God’s Greatness

What does it mean for God’s greatness to be unsearchable?

What does it mean for God’s greatness to be mighty, wondrous, and awesome?

How is there glorious majesty in God’s kingdom?

What does it mean for God’s name to be holy?

## 3. Attributes Of God’s Greatness

Identify and briefly explain the 9 attributes of God’s greatness discussed in the lesson.

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