

Our Actions Declare Our Genuine Perspective of GOD

Psalm 145

GREAT IS THE LORD,
AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

And His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:1 (NKJV)

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- David is the writer of this final alphabetic psalm.
- There is no indication of the particular occasion which called forth this composition.
- This psalm speaks of
 - ▶ (1) God's greatness (vv. 1–6);
 - ▶ (2) God's goodness (vv. 7–10);
 - ▶ (3) God's glory (vv. 11–13);
 - ▶ (4) God's grace (vv. 14–21)

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DAVID'S RESOLVE

Psalm 145:1–2 (NKJV)

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Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.



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DAVID'S RESOLVE

- To **Extol**: *rum* (רוּם, 7311), “to be high, exalted.” to exalt and set on high above all others. God’s position alone makes Him worthy of all glory and honor
- To **Bless**: *barak* (בָּרַךְ, 1288), “to kneel, ... to give thanks, to worship and to give honor.
- To **Praise**: *halal* (הָלַל, 1984), “to praise, celebrate, glory, sing (praise), boast.”



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DAVID'S REASONS

POSITION



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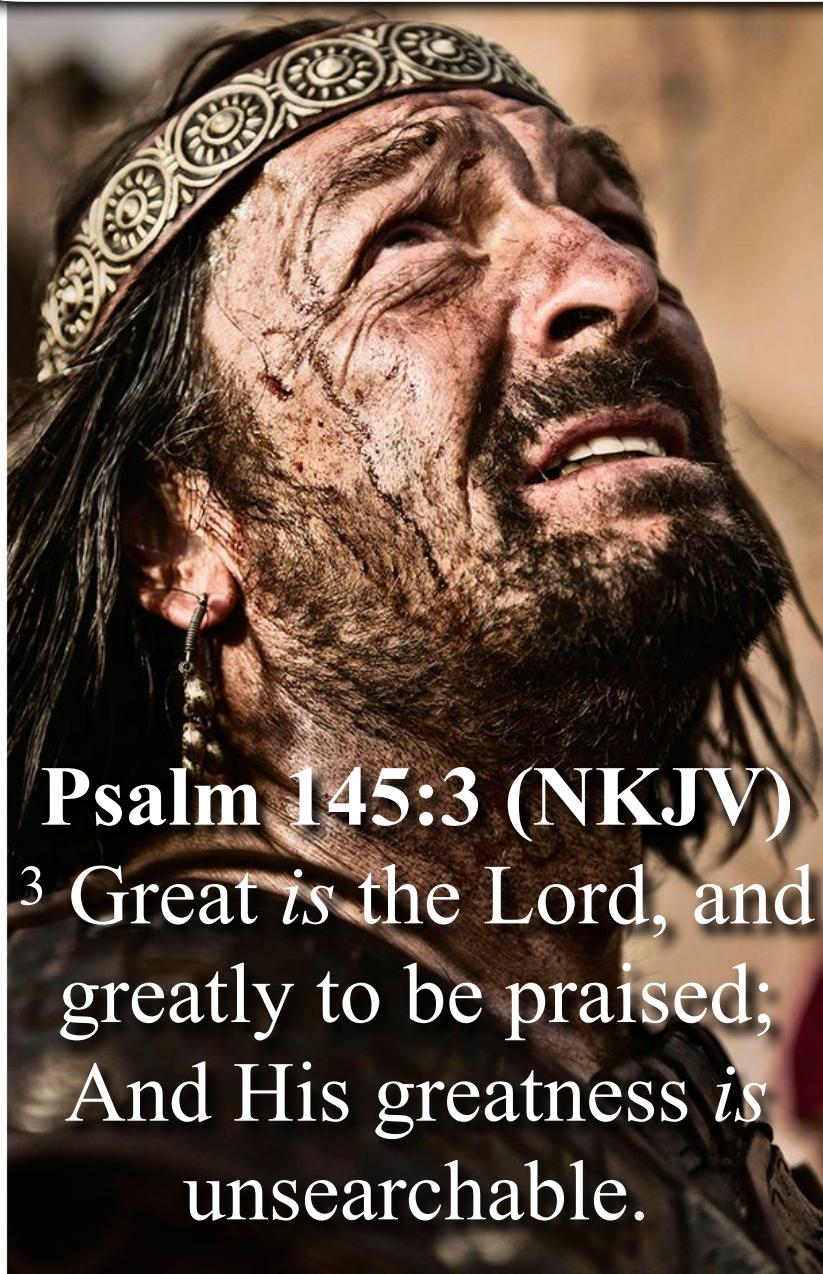
Every day I will
bless You, And I will
praise Your name
forever and ever.

- David resolved to **Extol**, to **Bless**, and to **Praise** the name of the LORD everyday and forever more because the LORD is SUPREME.
- “**My GOD, O KING**,” - David recognized God as his sovereign ruler! His authority extends beyond just David and Israel - He is King of all the earth and heavens (Ps. 44:4; 45:1, 6; 47:6–8; 48:2, 8; 95:3; 149:2. Is. 33:22. Mal. 1:14. Mat. 25:34. Re. 19:16.)

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DAVID'S REASONS

POSITION



Psalm 145:3 (NKJV)
Great *is* the Lord, and
greatly to be praised;
And His greatness *is*
unsearchable.

- David speaks of the Lord's rank, eminence, and authority, as reason enough to daily give honor and praise to God — He is God. The Almighty. The Supreme Being.
- The greatness of the Lord is unfathomable (Job 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; Is. 40:28; [Rom. 11:33])
- We will also resolve to do the same when we truly come to understand WHO God is.

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DAVID'S REASONS

POWER



Psalm 145:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. ⁶ *Men* shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.



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DAVID'S REASONS

POWER



**Psalms 145:4–7
(NKJV)**

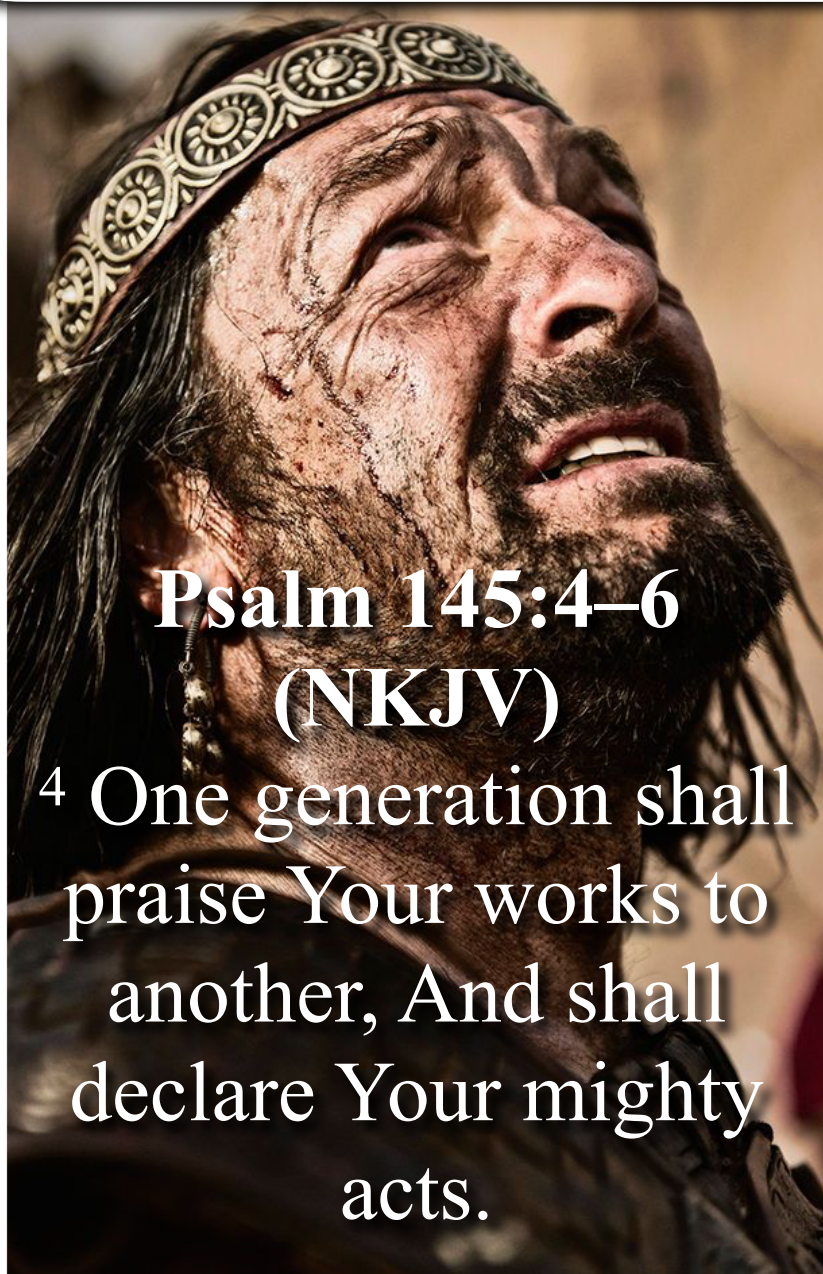
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praise Your works to
another, And shall
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acts.

- In verses 4 through 7 David refers to GOD'S
 - ▶ “mighty acts,
 - ▶ “wondrous works,”
 - ▶ “awesome deeds.”
- God's POWER is demonstrated in His marvelous, miraculous works.

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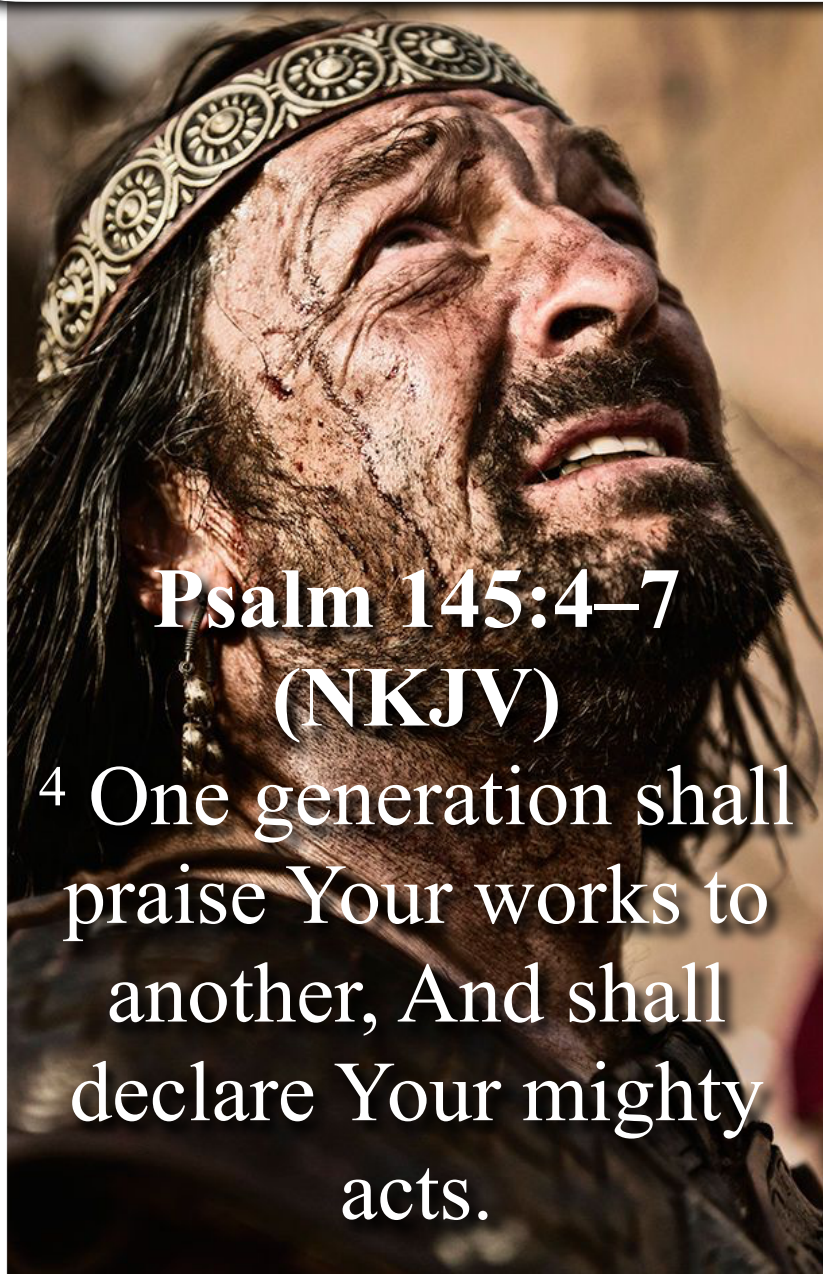
- David SPEAKS of GOD'S majesty
 - ▶ “Declare” His “mighty acts” (4)
 - ▶ “Meditate” on God's “majesty,” And His “wondrous works” (5)
 - ▶ “speak of the might” of God's awesome acts, (6)
 - ▶ “declare” God's “greatness” (6)
- Yahweh also manifested himself in terrible acts of judgment. (20)



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- Believers still tell of His majesty
 - ▶ CREATION (cosmos; earth; plants, animals, & mankind)
 - ▶ The flood (Gen. 6)
 - ▶ Forming Israel (Rom. 4:19-21) and their deliverance, provisions, and inheritance (Ex. 4-Jo. 6)
 - ▶ Incarnation (John 1:14)
 - ▶ Miracles of Jesus (Jn 20:30,31)
 - ▶ Resurrection (1 Cor. 15)

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DAVID'S REASONS

NATURE



Psalm 145:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. ⁸ The Lord *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. ⁹ The Lord *is* good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

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NATURE



Psalms 145:7 (NKJV)

⁷ They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

- David speaks of God's nature.
 - ▶ Good. (7,9)
 - ▶ Righteous. (7) [justice]
 - ▶ Gracious. (8)
 - ▶ Compassionate. (8)
 - ▶ Slow to anger. (8)
 - ▶ Great in mercy. (8,9)
- Aren't you thankful this is the kind of God we serve?

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DAVID'S REASONS

NATURE



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- We too should speak of God's nature to all who will listen.
- ▶ Everything good comes from God (Ja. 1:17; Acts 17:25-29)
- ▶ He loved us, even though we have all sinned, to provide a way of salvation (Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8,9).
- ▶ We can be saved only due to His gracious provision which we do not deserve (Ep. 2:8,9; Ti. 3:5).

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DAVID'S REASONS

NATURE

- We too should speak of God's nature to all who will listen.

Acts 17:30–31 (NKJV)

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

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DAVID'S REASONS

KINGDOM



Psalm 145:10–13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, ¹² To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.



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DAVID'S REASONS

KINGDOM



- From generation to generation people will tell of God's kingdom and His mighty acts, and how His kingdom endures through all generations (cf. Dan. 4:3, 34).
- Glorious majesty.
- Everlasting Kingdom.
- Dominion throughout all generations.

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DAVID'S REASONS

KINGDOM



Psalms 145:13 (NKJV)

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- Daniel prophesied of God establishing the spiritual phase of His kingdom (Dan. 2:44; 4:3; [1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Pet. 1:11])
- ▶ Jesus is King of kings and Lord of Lords NOW (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16)
- ▶ Christians are IN God's / Christ's kingdom NOW (Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:6)
- ▶ This kingdom will transition into its eternal glorious state (2 Tim. 4:18)

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DAVID'S REASONS

PROVISIONS



Psalm 145:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall,
And raises up all *who are* bowed
down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look
expectantly to You, And You give
them their food in due season. ¹⁶
You open Your hand And satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

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DAVID'S REASONS

PROVISIONS



Psalms 145:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire
of every living thing

- All that we have (vs. 14-16) is due to God's provisions for us. Not just food, clothing, and shelter. But our mental, emotional, relational, and spiritual needs. (Mt. 5:45; 6:26; Lu. 12:24; Ac. 17:25; Acts 14:17)
- The desires of our heart, the longings of the spirit, and the burdens we bear can be satisfied with Divine assistance to those who seek for God's help. (1 Pet 5:6,7)

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DAVID'S REASONS

PRESENCE



Psalm 145:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ The Lord *is* righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. ¹⁸

The Lord *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

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DAVID'S REASONS

PRESENCE



Psalm 145:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ The Lord *is* near to
all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon
Him in truth.

- The Lord is near to all who call on Him in Truth — to those who fear Him (Dt. 4:7; Is. 58:9; Je. 29:12, 13; Ja. 4:8)
- Those who call upon him must do so “in truth,” — i.e., in sincerity AND according to His revealed will. (The hypocrite nor the disobedient find favor with Him) (1 Pet. 3:8-16)
- God hears those who worship Him and those who do His will (Jn. 9:31; Prov. 1:28; 15:29; 28:9; 1 Pet. 1:5-11)

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DAVID'S REASONS

PRESENCE



Psalm 145:18 (NKJV)

*18 The Lord is near to
all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon
Him in truth.*

- Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13)
- ▶ First, one must “hear” the gospel, then “believe” the gospel — Then they can “call upon the name of the Lord” [obey it] (Rom. 10:13-17)
- ▶ Peter explains how those who believed the gospel in Acts 2 were to “call upon the name of the Lord” (Acts 2:38-41; cf. Acts 22:16)

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DAVID'S REASONS

PRESERVATION



Psalm 145:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. ²¹

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

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PRESERVATION



Psalm 145:20 (NKJV)

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- Loving God is the “first” and “greatest” commandment (Deut. 10:12; 30:6; Mark 12:29,30)
- ▶ Those who love God are those who fear Him, serve Him and keep His commandments (Deut. 10:12)
- ▶ Jesus said “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” (Jn 14:15,21; 23)
- ▶ If we say we love God but do not obey Him, we are a liar (1 Jno. 2:3–5; 4:19, 20; 5:2, 3).

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“Fear and love are the inseparable elements of true religion. Fear preserves love from degenerating into presumptuous familiarity; love prevents fear from becoming a servile and cringing dread. The victory of good must ultimately involve the defeat and destruction of evil.”

Smith, J. E. (1996). *The wisdom literature and Psalms*.
Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co.



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WHEN WE HAVE THE CORRECT VIEW OF GOD WE WILL

- Resolve to PRAISE the LORD (1,2)
- Speak to others of His “mighty acts,” of His “greatness,” of His “goodness,” of His “righteousness,” and of the “glory of His kingdom.” (4,6,7,11,12,21)
- “Meditate on the splendor of” His “majesty” (5)
- Depend upon His mercy and grace for salvation, provisions & preservation (8,9,14-17).
- Call upon Him in truth (18)
- Fear Him and honor Him with our humble submission, receiving His salvation (19)
- Love Him, and praise Him forever more (20,21)

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Romans 11:33–36 (NKJV)

³³ 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! ³⁴ *“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”* ³⁵ *“Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”* ³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Psalm 145

623

I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
Psalm 145:1

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1. God, my King, Thy might con - fess - ing, Ev - er
2. Full of kind - ness and com - pass - ion, Slow to
3. All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee; Thee shall

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FOR USE IN WORSHIP**

will I bless Thy name; Day by day Thy throne ad -
an - get, vast in pow - er, Thy is good to all cre -
all Thy saints a - dore; King su - preme shall they con -

dress - ing, Still will I Thy praise pro - claim.
a - tion; All His works His good - ness prove.
fess - Thee, And pro - claim Thy sov - 'reign pow'r.

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William H. Wade, 1887

