

The Gospel Project – Sermon Outline

Title: God is Great **Text:** Psalm 145:1-3

Connection to Unit Theme: God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent, and we must remember that He made in His image to reflect and glorify Him.

Introduction Idea

Have you ever met that person who just seems to have it all together? Usually someone is good at something, but there are some people who are gifted and talented at many things. Who is the most talented person you know? Do you know that person who has a strong faith, great personality, athleticism, a strong intellect, musical and artistic, and good looks? There are times we all privately aspire to be like someone else who has qualities we see as better than ours. But we must remember we've been created in the image of the One who displays every quality perfectly!

Do you realize who you are? Do you understand your own potential? Do you comprehend you've been made in God's image? That fact changes everything! It changes why you exist, your personal significance, your purpose in life, and the way you treat others. When we are looking at God's greatness, we must remember that we've been created in His image to reflect and glorify Him.

<u>Sermon Division I</u> – There is no end to God's greatness being blessed (v. 1-2)

When you think about the greatness of God, you can't help but bless Him with your praise. Our God is all-knowing. He knows our faults, our weaknesses, our sins, and our rebellions, yet He loves us. Our God is all-powerful. He could snuff out our lives in an instant, yet He continues to bless us with life. Our God is all-present. He is everywhere at all times, He watches us, and is involved in all that we do. Yet, He shows grace and leads us in our lives away from spiritual and physical danger. When we think about the greatness of God compared to our sin, we cannot help but bless His awesome name!

God not only reveals His greatness to us, He also shares His greatness with us. God has created us in His image to reflect Him for His glory (Gen 1:26-28). This means that God has shared every attribute of Himself with us, but we will never have them fully because we will never be God. God has even shared with us His greatness. He's shared with us His omniscience as we grow in knowledge. He's shared with us his omnipotence as we grow in power. He's shared with us His omnipresence as we enjoy the presence in life. We will never attain to these infinitely, but we do get to enjoy them partially both in this life and the next.





Application: Because God has revealed to us and shared with us the greatness of His attributes, we must bless His great name! A King who both personally relates and shares His greatness with His own people deserves great praise from His people. Our worshipful response will be to praise His name forever including this life and eternal life. See if you can find new ways to bless and praise the name of God for His greatness every day. Another way to make sure God's great name is blessed forever and ever is by training children why and how to bless God's great name. Get involved with them.

<u>Sermon Division II</u> – There is no end to God's greatness being searched (v. 3)

To think about our God who is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent is beyond our comprehension. We live in a world with weaknesses, breakdowns, expiration dates, and limitations. It is very difficult for us to imagine a being with no weakness, no end, no beginning or limits. Yet our God is infinite in all of His qualities. In fact, we could spend a lifetime ascribing greatness to God, adding more greatness to Him every day, and would never reach the end of His greatness. It is absolutely unimaginable (v. 3).

As humans, we naturally ascribe praise to other people and things. We clap when we hear a singer belt out the final note. We roar with the crowd when we watch an athlete make an incredible move. We stand and cheer when a loved one performs remarkably. God designed us to enjoy greatness, but we miss out on true greatness when we don't give all the glory to God for His greatness and all He accomplishes in the world. Again, He has both revealed His greatness and shared it with humanity.

Application: As you study God's Word this week, circle or underline all His great qualities you see. Add them to your prayer journal. Spend more time than usual praising God for His greatness being revealed. Become even more aware of the wisdom, power, and presence He has shared with you to reflect His glory. Use those great qualities of His image in you to bless Him and others. Most of all, reserve your greatest praise, service, and awe for the greatness of your God as He daily reveals Himself more to you.

Conclusion Idea

Remember that God has revealed His greatness to us mostly through His Son, Jesus Christ. God revealed His omniscience as Jesus taught and amazed the crowds with His knowledge. God revealed His omnipotence as Jesus performed miracles and mighty works. God revealed His omnipresence as Jesus walked the earth and ascended to heaven, but also promised that He would be with us till the end of the age (Matt 28:20). We see the greatest of the greatness of God in the gospel of Jesus as He wisely and powerfully conquered Satan, sin, and death with His bodily presence. Praise the name of Jesus!

