**MY GREAT BIG GOD**

**Psalms 145:3**

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**INTRO:**

**Here is why I want to tell you about my great big God!**

**1. I Want To Exalt His Person.**

**Psalms 145:1-3 1 I WILL extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.  2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*\*Extol – Hebrew word is Ruwm (room)**

 **A. It means to Heave Up!**

**\*\*That means to lift with great effort or with force!**

**\*\* I want to heave or hoist up my great big God. That means I’ve got to put effort in it and force behind it!**

 **B. It means to Hold Up!**

**\*\* We must keep Him held up and never let Him down! \*\*That’s why the psalmist said that every day will I bless thee and praise thy name forever and forever!**

**2. I Want To Encourage His Praise.**

**Psalms 145:5-7 5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.  6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.  7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.**

**\*\* Terrible Acts – Yare (Yah ray) – It means fearful acts that are to be reverenced or respected!**

**\*\*So many do not praise the Lord because they do not reverence or respect God anymore.**

 **A. Use your Praising Hands and Praise my great big God!**

 **B. Use your Praising Heart and Praise my great big God!**

 **C. Use your Pie Hole and Praise my great big God!**

**3. I Want To Exhort His People.**

**Psalms 145:8-9, 14, 16-17 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.  9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.  14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.  16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.**

**\*\*My great big God . . .**

 **A. Saves those who have Fallen**

 **B. Supports those who have Failed**

 **C. Satisfies those who have Faith**

**4. I Want To Experience His Presence.**

**Psalms 145:18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.**

 **A. My Great Big God can get in my Song!**

 **B. My Great Big God can get in my Sermon!**

 **C. My Great Big God can get in my Soul!**

**Psalm 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*\*Let me tell you about my great big God!**

**I. My Great Big God Is The God Who Can.**

 **A. He Can Save The Sinner From Eternal Hell.**

**John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

 **1. It’s His Biblical Salvation that keeps you out of the Fire**

 **2. It’s His Blood Salvation that keeps you out of the Flames**

 **B. He Can Shelter The Saved From Earthly Harm.**

**Acts 27:22-25 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,  24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.**

 **1. He can protect you from Danger.**

 **2. He can protect you from Disease.**

 **3. He can protect you from Devils.**

 **C. He Can Stay The Serpent From Every Home.**

**Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.**

 **\*\*My Great Big God Can Keep the Devil . . .**

 **1. Out of your Family**

 **2. Out of your Finances**

 **3. Out of your Food**

 **4. Off of your Furniture**

 **5. Out of your Fun**

**II. My Great Big God Is The God Who Cares.**

 **A. He Cares About The Church That Struggles.**

**Revelation 2:8-11 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

 **1. He cares about the Church’s Fight**

 **2. He cares about the Church’s Faithfulness**

 **3. He cares about the Church’s Future**

 **B. He Cares About The Christian That Strays.**

**I John 2:1-2** [**1**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-2-1/) **My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**[**2**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-2-2/) **And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.**

**\*\*Advocate – Paraklatoes (Pah Rah Clay Tos) One who comes to the side and aid of another to plead their cause!**

**\*\*Propitiation – Hilasmos (Hell lahs mahs) It means to appease or give relief through peace for our sins!**

**\*\*My Great Big God cares when His Children . . .**

 **1. Strays off into a Snare**

 **2. Strays off into a Sin**

 **C. He Cares About The Children That Suffer.**

[**1 Peter 5:10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-5-10/)**- But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

**\*\*One day the suffering will be over, and God’s dear children will be Stablished, Strengthened, and Settled!**

**III. My Great Big God Is The God Who Could.**

 **A. He Could Be A Companion To The Friendless Sinner.**

**Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**

 **1. Jesus is a friendly man and is Accessible!**

 **2. Jesus is a friendly man and is Approachable!**

**\*\*If you would show yourself friendly toward Jesus, you would find out how my great big God is a friend that sticks closer than a brother!**

 **B. He Could Be A Confidant To The Fearful Saint.**

**Philippians 4:5-7 5 The Lord is at hand.  6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

**\*\*My Great Big God will give you peace if you would only:**

 **1. Pray and give Him your Thanksgiving**

 **2. Pray and give Him your Troubles**

 **C. He Could Be A Comrade To The Fallen Soldier.**

**Psalm 3:2-3 2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.  3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.**

 **1. He Raises the Head of a Fallen Soldier**

 **2. He Restores the Heart of a Fallen Soldier**

**IV. My Great Big God Is The God Who Comforts.**

 **A. He Comforts Those Who Are His.**

**II Corinthians 1:3-4 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;  4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**

**\*\*My great Big God will . . .**

 **1. Give Your Heart a Comforting Squeezing Hug!**

 **2. Give Your Heart a Comforting Sure Hope!**

 **B. He Comforts Those Who Are Hurting.**

**I Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

 **1. If you are Hurting because of Sin, He’ll comfort you through His Blood.**

 **2. If you are Hurting because of Sorrow, He’ll comfort you through His Book.**

 **C. He Comforts Those Who Are Heavy-laden.**

**II Corinthians 7:6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;**

**\*\*When your soul gets cast-down, just hold on; before long my great big God will lift you up and comfort you by . . .**

 **1. Sometimes sending a Scripture.**

 **2. Sometimes sending a Shepherd.**

 **3. Sometimes sending a Saint.**

 **4. Sometimes sending a Stranger.**

 **5. Sometimes sending a Sermon.**

**CLOSE**

**I have a GREAT BIG GOD, and though I don’t know what you are facing today, I know my Great Big God can take care of it all!**

**1. My Great Big God is the God who Can**

**2. My Great Big God is the God who Cares**

**3. My Great Big God is the God who Could**

 **(He could be your companion, your confidant, and your comrade.)**

**4. My Great Big God is the God who Comforts**

**Psalm 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**\*\*Has the Lord sent this message to you today? Why don’t you come and talk to my Great Big God about all that troubles your heart and soul today!**

**HOW GREAT IT IS**

**I listened as a man cried out to his gods of earth and stone,
And it broke my heart to see all the tears that he shed alone.
And I knew that it was hopeless and he would not receive
An answer from the gods he served that cannot hear or see.**

**So I fell down on my knees to pray like so many times before,
And I only ask my God to hear my prayer, Lord, just once more.
And it seemed like the heaven just opened up and I could hear Him say,
"Yes, my child, I can hear you, what do you need today?"**

**How great it is to serve a living God
Who knows each breath I take and every step I've trod.
How great it is to serve a God that's real.
Who sees my every tear, and He knows just how I feel.**