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Psalm 145:1-13

"That's heavy!" was a phrase popularized in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It was typically used to describe something that was impressive, important, or intense, such as, "Jesus died for our sins? That's heavy!"

It is interesting that the word translated "glory" or "glorious" in Psalm 145 has a similar root meaning in the original Hebrew. The word *kâbôwd* (kaw-BODE) is from a root that can literally mean "weighty" or "massive," but is most often used in the Bible figuratively, as in "honor," "majesty," or "splendor."

There is a link between "the glorious splendor of [God's] majesty" (v. 5) and "the glory of [His] kingdom" (v. 11). "The LORD [who] is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love" (v. 8) creates a kingdom that displays the glory of His true nature. His faithful people "tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom" (vv. 11-12). When we pause to think that we are the faithful ones called to proclaim His glory...that's heavy!

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