

Sermon Topic: Audacious in Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 145.14-17

The Big Idea: The Ability of God encourages audaciousness in Prayer

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Audacious is an adjective that describes someone who is exceptionally bold or daring. This person is seen as recklessly brave and fearless. When it comes to our faith journey, God's ability and actions encourage audaciousness in prayer. The Biblical view of this can be seen in the psalmist's declarations about God's actions on behalf of humanity.

This psalm is a solo song of praise. It is sung for the benefit of the listening congregation. This psalm can move us to a place of audaciousness in our prayers. He sings about what God has done and who God is. In verses 3-9, he sings about the **attributes** of God. In the verses we are examining,

he sings about the actions of God; in verse 14, God supports; in verse 15, God supplies; and in verse 16, God satisfies. Having the support of God births an **invulnerability to fear or intimidation**. Verse 14 identifies two actions of God that assign God's ability and our inability: His power and our propensity. The psalmist says that God upholds and lifts up.

The text says, *He upholds all who fall*, which lends to our inability to keep ourselves from falling (Ps. 37.17, 24; Ps. 18.35; Ps. 63.8; Ps. 140.12; Ps. 146.7; Jude 24).

The text then goes on to say, *He lifts up all who are bowed down*, which lends to humanity's susceptibility to deteriorate from the exposure to the complexities of life that exposes our vulnerability to be bowed down (Ps. 113.7; Ps.

146.8; 1 Sam. 2.7-8; Ps. 147.6; Ps. 3.3; Job 5.11; Ps. 75.7; Ps. 46.6; Ps. 107.41).

The text then says *you give them their food at the proper time*. The action of God frees us from the constraints of convention. Conventional thinking leads to the conclusion that whatever the signs point to is where you will end up. This is true. However, when you are a child of God, you are His **divine dependent**. **GOD WILL SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS (Ps. 23.1; 2 Cor. 9.8; Ps. 37.25)**.

It's the Ability and Actions of God that encourages audaciousness in Prayer. You don't **operate from a place of fear or a posture of intimidation**. Your audacious prayers will begin to sound like David (Ps. 23.4; Ps. 27.1-3; Rom. 8.28, 31, 37).

You can be audacious, knowing He will not withhold any good thing from you (Ps. 84.11).

You become audacious in your prayers because God will support you. You become audacious in your prayers because God will supply your needs.

You become audacious in your prayers because God will satisfy you.