



Psalm 146

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: 8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: 9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm exhorts man to trust in God alone.
2. Trusting man is futile – no help; and his life is brief.

Outline:

- A. Praise Ye the LORD (vv.1-4)
- B. God is Creator and Protector (vv.5-6)
- B.' God is Provider and Preserver (vv.7-9)
- A.' Praise Ye the LORD (v.10)

Observations:

1. God is worthy of perpetual praise (vv.1-2)
2. Man is unworthy of ultimate trust (vv.3-4)
3. Only God is worthy of praise (vv.5-10)

Lesson: The LORD God reigns forever and ever.

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1 Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. 6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. 9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. 14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. 15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. 16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. 19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. The Psalmist praise God for both common and special favors (or mercies).
2. The only imperatives (or commands) are in vv.1, 7, 12, and 20. Each stanza ends with the name of the LORD (Jehovah).

Outline:

- A. Praise the LORD for His Restoration, Creation, and Redemption (vv.1-6)
- B. Praise the LORD for Creation and Love for His people (vv.7-11).
- C. Praise the LORD for His Restoration, Sovereignty and Revelation. (vv.12-20)

Observations:

1. Israel is God's object lesson to the world.
2. God restores both nature and nations.
3. God delights not in the strength of men but in man's dependence or trust upon Him. (vv.10-11).
4. Notice: David's Bibliology in vv.15; 18-20.

Lesson: God is the God of Nature and Israel and His Word is sure and mighty.