



THE BOOK OF
PSALMS

PSALM 147

He Heals the Brokenhearted

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

8 He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

9 He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

14 He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

17 He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?

18 He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

19 He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.

Praise the Lord!

1. How would you define 'Praise' in your own words? What role does praise play in the life of a Christian?
2. If you were to divide this Psalm into sections, how would you break it down? What is the major theme(s) of each division?
3. Summarize this Psalm in no more than 2 sentences, in your own words.
4. Why does the Psalmist tell us that it is good to sing praises to God? (V. 1) Why is it right and 'fitting' that we should praise God? How do we benefit from praising God?
5. What do we learn about God's grace in this Psalm?
6. What do we learn about God's power in this Psalm?
7. What do we learn about God's providence in this Psalm?
8. What do we learn about God's provision in this Psalm?
9. How is it that God deals differently with those who belong to him and those who don't?
10. How does our understanding of the gospel and our knowledge of Jesus affect the way that we read and apply this Psalm?