

## **PSALM 147 – Praise to God for His Word and Providence!**

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### **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, THE KING OF CREATION! Joachim Neander (1650-80) (1:41)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is my health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Praise to the Lord, oh praise to the Lord!

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#### ***He Heals the Brokenhearted***

***Psa 147:1 Praise the LORD! (Hallelujah!) For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.***

- Psalm 147 again, begins with that Hallelujah! It is suitable, or it is fit, or it is beautiful. Praising the Lord, it's just good to spend your time in praising the Lord.
- Now this is and the rest of these Psalms are thought by many scholars, to be Psalms that were written after the period of exile in Babylon. When the Jews had returned to the land, and had, under Nehemiah, rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. So, if you have that in your mind, it will sort of set these in that setting, praising God because the walls have been rebuilt, the nation had be reestablished after the seventy years of Babylonian captivity.

***Psa 147:2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.***

- *The LORD builds up Jerusalem:* The Lord has built up Jerusalem again. The walls have been built up. The city has been fortified.
- *He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.* He has gathered together the outcasts of Israel, under the decree of Cyrus, all throughout the Persian Empire, which at that time ruled over the world. The Jews that were within the Persian Empire, had the permission of Cyrus to return to Jerusalem. He gathered together the outcasts of Israel.

***Psa 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.***

- That period of captivity was hard on many of them. It said that we, you know, sat by the river in Babylon and we cried. They, who had taken us captive, demanded you know a party—songs of happiness. We heard of the Israeli songs, *Havah Neglia*, and so forth. Sing some of your songs, but how can we sing those kind of songs when we are in captivity. But He heals the broken in heart, and He binds their wounds.

***Psa 147:4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.***

- *He counts the number of the stars;* Now this one is really, I'm in love with! He tells the number of the stars and *He calls them all by name.* As we have discovered there are millions of galaxies, and millions upon billions of stars in each galaxy. God knows the number! We don't know the number of stars. We just say it's astronomical. God knows the number of the stars. It is estimated there are ten to the twenty-fifth power! – 10 with 25 zeros after it, ten trillion trillion stars!. If you count 3 names per second, it would take 10 billion, billion years! But that was before they found this new galaxy. God knows the number of the stars and He calls them **all** by name! And I don't think it's Joe and Tom and Harry. You know, God talked to Job about Arcturus. He knows the fancy, Latin names or whatever. I mean, imagine! Imagine the awesomeness. Our God is an awesome God! He tells the number of the stars. He calls them all by their names! I've always just loved that Scripture!

***Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.***

- *Great is our Lord, and mighty in power:* (because) *His understanding is infinite.* That is where difficulty arises. My understanding is very finite. God's understanding is infinite. Because of that, I can't understand God! I don't understand God! I don't understand the ways of God. I don't understand the actions of God or

the activities of God. God's understanding is infinite! That is, He knows all things! Now it's rather pitiful and sad that many times with my limited understanding, I'm prone to challenge God in His activities, when He has infinite understanding. I sort of think, well Lord, don't you think you've made a mistake? I don't know why you would do that. It seems very obvious to me that, that was a very foolish thing to do. Now if I were in Your shoes, this is the way, I would have done it, you know. And you sort of seek to advise God or to be His counselor. And I'm afraid that many times our prayers reflect this. Lord, I want You to bow now to my wishes. I want to bend now to my desires. I want You, Lord, to do this, that I've got all figured out here. Because I understand this situation. And I know what's going on, so this is the way You should do it, you know. I'm trying to direct the activities of God through prayer. How much better that I say, Lord, work out Your will with Your infinite understanding! To recognize how limited I am. Rather than challenge God, that I submit! Just, well Lord, You know best! You do what You know is the best. His understanding is infinite!

***Psa 147:6 The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.***

***Psa 147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,***

- *The LORD lifts up the humble.* Jesus said, blessed are the meek. They shall inherit the earth. The Lord brings down the proud. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up. So always, the Scripture extols meekness over pride. The world sees things from the opposite side.
- The Lord lifts up the meek, but *He casts the wicked down to the ground.* *Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise on the harp to our God:* He opens the Psalm by declaring, *Hallelujah*, or praise the Lord! Sing unto Him with thanksgiving! Sing praises, accompanying on the harp unto our God!

***Psa 147:8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.***

***Psa 147:9 He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.***

- *Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains..* Now he is extolling this marvelous work of God in providing for His creatures.
- He caused the grass to grow upon the mountains and *He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.* He gives the beast His food, and to the young ravens that cry.

***Psa 147:10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.***

- *He does not delight in the strength of the horse.* Now in battle, the horse was always considered an advantage. The cavalry units always had an advantage over the infantry. The horse, a thing of strength and power, especially in battle.
- But the Lord doesn't delight in the strength of the horse. *He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man..* The real strength is in the legs, the most powerful muscles of your body are in your legs. If you've done any weight lifting or all you know is that your lift with your legs, not with your back. And yet looking for strength, God doesn't take the pleasure of horses or the legs of a man.

***Psa 147:11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.***

***Psa 147:12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion (the church and the people of God)!***

***Psa 147:13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you.***

- When Nehemiah had come back, he led the people in the rebuilding of the wall. They rebuilt the gates. The gates of the city, when closed, they had this large bar of planks that went through these sockets, so that the gates could not be opened without breaking, which was impossible. This large plank that was run through these sockets to lock the gates of the city.
- He has strengthened the bars of your gates and *He has blessed your children within you.* They live in that peace and security again.

***Psa 147:14 He makes peace in your borders, And fills you with the finest wheat.***

- *He makes peace in your borders.* God has blessed. God has been good! The idea is that peace prevailed throughout the land.
- *And fills you with the finest wheat.* There is no want of wheat, and that of the best kind.

***Psa 147:15 He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.***

- *He sends out His command to the earth.* His substantial word, which appears to be a very active agent running everywhere, and performing the purposes of His will.

***Psa 147:16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes;***

- (*Job 37:6*) *For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'; Likewise, to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength.*

***Psa 147:17 He casts out His hail like morsels; Who can stand before His cold?***

- (*Job 38:22*) *"Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail,*

***Psa 147:18 He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow.***

- The streams to flow with the melt-off of the snows, the winter snows.

***Psa 147:19 He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.***

- **He shows His word to Jacob** - To no other nation of the world beside had God given a revelation of His will. But the Gospel part of the word is also included; the word of grace, peace, reconciliation, righteousness, eternal life, and salvation, which was first published to the Jews: it was "shown" unto them, for it cannot be known by any without a revelation; the Gospel, and the things of it, are hidden things to natural men, and could never have been discerned by any, had they not been shown by the Lord; as they are externally in the ministration of the word, and internally and effectually by the Spirit of God; who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of divine things;

***Psa 147:20 He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His judgments, they have not known them.***

***Praise the LORD!***

- God blessed you, Israel! He blessed you by making known His laws, His judgments, His statutes. Other nations do not know the judgments of the Lord. They do not share in that blessing.
- They have not known them, therefore; ***Praise the LORD. Hallelujah!***

**KING OF KINGS** *Song by Hillsong Worship (4:25)*

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light. 'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets. To a virgin came the word. From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.

*(Refrain)* Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died *(Refrain)*

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath. 'Til that stone was moved for good. For the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe. For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored. And the church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, In His freedom I am free! For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me! *(Refrain)*

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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