

# Psalm 147

**Psalms 147:1** [New King James] *“Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.”*

**The Psalmist develops the theme of praise from individual to communal praise “our God.”**

**Psalms 147:2-3** [New King James] *“The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.”*

**This happened in the history of Israel, God’s chosen people, but is also prophetic, [Revelation 7:1-8].**

**Psalms 147:4-11** [New King James] *“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God, Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry. He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD takes pleasure in those **who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.**”*

**The Psalmist gives us more reasons why we should praise and worship God, and in so doing we will bring Him pleasure as we “fear Him and hope in His mercy.”**

**Psalms 147:12-20** [New King James] *“Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you. He makes peace in your borders, and fills you with the finest wheat. He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly. He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes; He casts out His hail like morsels; who can stand before His cold? He sends out His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow. He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!”*

**The physical nation of Israel, [the descendants of Jacob] was special to the Creator God because it was to them that He gave His laws through His servant Moses and through the children of His faithful servant Abraham and His descendant King David, “a man after His own heart,” [Acts 13:22] was born our Saviour Jesus Christ, [Matthew 1:1].**

**Since the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ all true Christians are God’s chosen people.**

**1 Peter 2:9-10** [New King James] *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”*

*“The people of God.”*

Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, told the churches in Galatia the same thing, [**Galatians 3:26-29**].

It is the possession and submission to the laws of God that make God’s people different from all other human beings.

**John 17:17** [New King James] *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”*

It was part of Jesus Christ's final prayer that includes all who unlike the disciples have not as yet met Him personally, [verse 20] that they would be "*sanctified*" [set apart] by the truth, God's Word, [Psalms 147:19-20].