

The Goodness of Praise
Psalm 147

Praise is Appropriate in All Seasons

- Tunes and turns our hearts toward God - Ps 147:1
- Keeps appearances from determining ultimate reality - II Cor 5:7
- Designated channel of God's grace - Ps 147:11

We Praise God for His Providential Care

- Who, in the past, created the universe and everything in it - Gen 1-3; Jo 1:3
- Who, in the present, preserves it according to His purposes - Heb 1:3; Col 1:17
- Who, in the future, fulfills His divine plan - Eph 1:10-11

(Nothing God has purposed takes away from man's freedom to choose; nothing man chooses takes away from God's purposes.)

We Praise God for His Personal Care

- He overlooks no one - Ps 147:2-6
- Through His Word - Ps 147:15-20
 - ...His Word to us is Jesus Christ the Lord - Jo 1:1-10; Heb 1:1-3
 - Who is our strength - Ps 147:13; Ps 73:26; Phil 4:13
 - ...He has defeated all our enemies
 - Who is our Peace - Ps 147:14; Jo 14:27; Phil 4:7; Col 3:15
 - ...peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of a Person - Jo 16:33
 - Who is our Satisfaction - Ps 147:14; Phil 4:11
 - ...the secret to contentment is in the contents - Phil 4:12

We Praise God for His Purposes, Not Just Ours