

PSALM 147

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

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PRAISE ²the LORD!

For ^ait is good to sing praises to our God;
For ³it is pleasant *and* praise is ^bbecoming.

2 The LORD ^abuilds up Jerusalem;

He ^bgathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the ^abrokenhearted,

And ^bbinds up their ¹wounds.

4 He ^acounts the number of the stars;

He ¹ ^bgives names to all of them.

5 ^aGreat is our Lord, and abundant in strength;

His ^bunderstanding is ¹infinite.

6 The LORD ¹ ^asupports the afflicted;

He brings down the wicked to the ground.

7 ^aSing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

Sing praises to our God on the lyre,

8 Who ^acovers the heavens with clouds,

Who ^bprovides rain for the earth,

Who ^cmakes grass to ¹grow on the mountains.

9 He ^agives to the beast its food,

And to the ^byoung ravens which cry.

10 He does not delight in the strength of the ^ahorse;

He ^bdoes not take pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD ^afavors those who fear Him,

^bThose who wait for His lovingkindness.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For He has strengthened the ^abars of your gates;

He has ^bblessed your sons within you.

14 He ^amakes ¹peace in your borders;

He ^bsatisfies you with ^cthe ²finest of the wheat.

15 He sends forth His ^acommand to the earth;

His ^bword runs very swiftly.

16 He gives ^asnow like wool;

He scatters the ^bfrost like ashes.

17 He casts forth His ^aice as fragments;

Who can stand before His ^bcold?

18 He ^asends forth His word and melts them;

He ^bcauses His wind to blow and the waters to flow.

19 He ^adeclares His words to Jacob,

His ^bstatutes and His ordinances to Israel.
20 He ^ahas not dealt thus with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have ^bnot known them.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

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¹ Or, *Hallelujah!*

² Heb., *YAH*, also v. 20

^a Ps. 92:1; 135:3

³ Or, *He is gracious*

^b Ps. 33:1

^a Ps. 51:18; 102:16

^b Deut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:12; 56:8; Ezek. 39:28

^a Ps. 34:18; 51:17; Is. 61:1

^b Job 5:18; Is. 30:26; Ezek. 34:16

¹ Lit., *sorrows*

^a Gen. 15:5

¹ Or, *calls them all by their names*

^b Is. 40:26

^a Ps. 48:1; 145:3

^b Is. 40:28

¹ Lit., *innumerable*

¹ Or, *relieves*

^a Ps. 37:24; 146:8, 9

^a Ps. 33:2; 95:1, 2

^a Job 26:8

^b Job 5:10; 38:26; Ps. 104:13

^c Job 38:27; Ps. 104:14

¹ Lit., *spring forth*

^a Ps. 104:27, 28; 145:15

^b Job 38:41; Matt. 6:26

^a Ps. 33:17

^b 1 Sam. 16:7

^a Ps. 149:4

^b Ps. 33:18

^a Neh. 3:3; 7:3

^b Ps. 37:26

^a Ps. 29:11; Is. 54:13; 60:17, 18

¹ Lit., *your borders peace*

^b Ps. 132:15

^c Deut. 32:14; Ps. 81:16

² Lit., *fat*

^a Job 37:12; Ps. 148:5

^b Ps. 104:4

^a Job 37:6; Ps. 148:8

^b Job 38:29

^a Job 37:10

^b Job 37:9

^a Ps. 33:9; 107:20; 147:15

^b Ps. 107:25

^a Deut. 33:3, 4

^b Mal. 4:4

^a Deut. 4:7, 8, 32-34; Rom. 3:1, 2

^b Ps. 79:6; Jer. 10:25

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ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.