

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 147*  
*A Psalm Inviting You to Praise*

Three “Hallelujah’s” v. 1, 12, 20

Two reasons for Praise.

- I. He is the God of Israel
  - A. 2-3. He has re-built Israel.
    - 1. Post exilic Psalm
    - 2. The Lord had brought healing, rebuilding of the walls, security
  - B. 6. He sustains the humble. God will bring judgement
  - C. 10-11. He is faithful to those who fear him.
    - 1. Hope cannot be in our own strength
    - 2. We must trust in the Lord.
  - D. 13-14. Security for God’s people
    - 1. Bars, gates = Security
    - 2. Peace in your borders
    - 3. Wheat = symbol of peaceful times
  - E. 19-20. We are blessed because God has revealed himself to us. Heb 1:1-3
- II. He is the God of Creation.
  - A. 4. Stars.
    - 1. Science tells us the # of stars is *infinite*.
    - 2. God who is greater, says their number is known.
  - B. 8. Clouds.
    - Three phrases
      - 1. Covers the sky (beauty)
      - 2. Supplies with rain (rain)
      - 3. Makes the grass to grow - *even where man cannot plant, God causes things to grow.*
  - C. 9. Sustaining the animals.
    - 1. From great, significant animals, to small insignificant.
    - 2. Just like the grass, God takes care of the animals at heights and places where people cannot go.
  - D. 19-20. **His Word.** His word commands NATURE. His word is revealed to

US.

III. Why can we Praise?

A. God is revealed in Nature.

B. God is revealed through His written word.