



# Sermon Guide: Delighted in Dependence - 05/10/26

Text(s): Psalm 147

**Big Idea:** *God is pleased with those who recognize his worth and rest in his steadfast love.*

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**Summary of the Sermon** - Psalm 147 reveals a God who is infinitely holy, powerful, and sovereign over all things, yet who lovingly sets His steadfast love upon His people. God is not pleased with self-reliant hearts, but delights in those who fear Him and hope in His steadfast love—a love ultimately revealed through Jesus Christ. As we recognize God's greatness and rest in His covenant love, our lives are moved from anxious self-reliance to joyful dependence and praise.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think many Christians struggle to believe that they can genuinely please God?
2. Psalm 147:10 says that God does not delight in “the strength of the horse” or “the legs of a man.” What are some modern forms of self-reliance people tend to trust in instead of God?
3. What is the difference between being afraid of God and fearing God? Why is that distinction important?
4. Which verses in Psalm 147 most stirred your awe toward God's greatness and sovereignty? Why?
5. Which verses in Psalm 147 most encouraged you to hope in God's steadfast love? What stood out to you about His character?
6. How does the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus become the ultimate revelation of God's steadfast love?
7. The sermon described dependence upon God as both trembling before His greatness and resting in His love. Why do we need both of those realities together?
8. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to live with a self-reliant heart rather than a dependent one?
9. The Psalm repeatedly calls God's people to praise Him. What practical habits can help cultivate a life of dependent praise, gratitude, and worship this week?