

Praise the Lord – he protects,
provides, and restores.

Psalm 147

Big Idea: The Lord protects, provides, and restores, even when we don't think it's possible; so, praise the Lord!

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

¹² Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! ¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. ¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. ¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. ¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!

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Trifecta of praise.

i. Praise the Lord (vv. 1, 20).

ii. Sing to the Lord (v. 7).

iii. Extol the Lord (v. 12).

2. Praise the Lord, for he is good.

i. God is creator/controller of all things.

ii. God loves you and gives you the path to life.

Reflect on the God's Attributes.

- i. He is creator (v. 4, 8).**
- ii. He is caretaker (v. 4b, 8-9).**
- iii. He is great (v. 5a)**
- iv. He is abundant in power (v. 5b)**
- v. His understanding is beyond measure (v. 5c).**
- vi. He is gracious (vv. 10-11).**

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When we cannot see how ...

i. God restores (vv. 1-6).

ii. God provides (vv. 7-11).

iii. God protects (vv. 12-20).

God Restores (vv. 1-6).

**The LORD
builds (v. 2)**

**The Lord
gathers (v. 2b).**

He heals (v. 3)

**Binds up their
wounds (v. 3)**

**He judges
justly (v. 6)**

God Provides (vv. 7-11).

**He gives
weather (v. 8).**

**He gives food
(v. 9; Mt 6:26f).**

**He gives his
love (vv. 10-11).**

God Protects (vv. 12-20).

**He strengthens
us (v. 13).**

**He makes peace
(v. 14a).**

**He prospers us
(v. 14b).**

**He speaks to us
(vv. 15-20).**

Praise the Lord when life seems impossible!